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Short Title: DIT/Broadband Mapping -- Funds.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION
3 TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PREPARATION OF STATEWIDE BROADBAND MAPS
4 AND ESTABLISHING THE DEPARTMENT AS THE SOLE SOURCE OF
5 BROADBAND MAPPING FOR STATE AGENCIES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 143B-1321 reads as rewritten:

8 **"§ 143B-1321. Powers and duties of the Department; cost-sharing with exempt entities.**

9 (a) The Department shall have the following powers and duties:

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11 (34) Prepare and maintain statewide broadband maps incorporating current and
12 future federal data along with State data collected by the Department or
13 provided to the Department from other sources to identify the capabilities and
14 needs related to broadband distribution and access, and serve as the sole
15 source provider of broadband mapping for State agencies.

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17 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 143B-1370 reads as rewritten:

18 **"§ 143B-1370. Communications services.**

19 (a) The State CIO shall exercise authority for telecommunications and other
20 communications included in information technology relating to the internal management and
21 operations of State agencies. In discharging that responsibility, the State CIO shall do the
22 following:

23 ...

24 (5) Provide for the establishment, management, and operation, through either
25 State ownership, by contract, or through commercial leasing, of the following
26 systems and services as they affect the internal management and operation of
27 State agencies:

- 28 a. Central telephone systems and telephone networks, including Voice
29 over Internet Protocol and Commercial Mobile Radio Systems.
30 b. Satellite services.
31 c. Closed-circuit TV systems.
32 d. Two-way radio systems.
33 e. Microwave systems.
34 f. Related systems based on telecommunication technologies.



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- 1 g. The "State Network," managed by the Department, which means any
2 connectivity designed for the purpose of providing Internet Protocol
3 transport of information for State agencies.
4 h. ~~Broadband~~ Broadband, including serving as the sole source of agency
5 broadband maps.

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7 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 143B-1373 reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 143B-1373. Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) program.**

9 ...

10 (m) The Office of Broadband Infrastructure in the Department of Information Technology
11 (Office) shall be the designated agency for receipt and disbursement of federal grant funds
12 intended for the State for broadband expansion and shall seek available federal grant funds for
13 that purpose. All federal grant funds received for the purpose of broadband expansion shall be
14 disbursed in accordance with this section. The Office shall serve as the designated agency for the
15 receipt of all State, federal, and private grants, gifts, or matching funds for broadband mapping,
16 as provided by G.S. 143B-1370(a)(5)h. Funds received under this subsection shall remain
17 unexpended until appropriated by an act of the General Assembly.

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19 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
20 Information Technology the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for
21 the 2020-2021 fiscal year to be used for broadband mapping in accordance with
22 G.S. 143B-1370(a)(5)h.

23 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.