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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT

Introduced By: Representatives J. Lombardi, Hull, Ajello, Felix, Stewart, and Cruz

Date Introduced: January 11, 2024

Referred To: House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-28 of the General Laws entitled "Broadband Deployment and
- 2 Investment Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
 - 39-28-8. Broadband community outreach coordinator -- Affordable connectivity
- 4 program.

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- 5 There is hereby established, within the division of public utilities, a broadband community
- 6 <u>outreach coordinator to assist state residents interested in learning more and/or applying for, the</u>
- 7 <u>federal Affordable Connectivity Program.</u>
 - SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

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- 1 This act would establish a statewide broadband community outreach coordinator to assist
- 2 state residents interested in learning more and/or applying for, the federal Affordable Connectivity
- 3 Program.

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This act would take effect upon passage.

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