

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO B-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 4023

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 2

- 1 On page 1 of the printed B-engrossed bill, after line 3, insert:
- 2 “Whereas access to high-speed, affordable broadband services is vital to the delivery of educa-
- 3 tion, health care, public safety, economic development and other public services; and
- 4 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly continuously seeks to encourage collaboration between
- 5 communities and the tribal governments and public bodies that serve them; and
- 6 “Whereas it is not the state’s intent to provide broadband services in direct competition with
- 7 telecommunications providers that offer comparable broadband services; now, therefore,”.
- 8 On page 2, delete lines 23 through 26.
- 9 In line 30, delete “5” and insert “4”.
- 10 In line 31, delete “6” and insert “5”.
- 11 On page 3, line 5, delete “6” and insert “5”.
- 12 In line 6, after “operations” insert “in unserved or underserved areas”.
- 13 In line 29, delete “6” and insert “5”.
- 14 In line 31, delete “duplicate” and insert “directly compete with”.
- 15 Delete lines 34 through 38 and insert:
- 16 “(b) For the purposes of this section, broadband services are considered to be already offered
- 17 by a telecommunications provider if the provider can demonstrate its ability to provide the
- 18 broadband services in the geographic area to be served within a reasonable time and for a reason-
- 19 able cost.”.
- 20 In line 45, delete “and” and begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 21 “(c) Describe the process by which a telecommunications provider may demonstrate its ability
- 22 to provide broadband services under subsection (1) of this section and to meet the specifications
- 23 proposed by the State Chief Information Officer under paragraph (a) of this subsection; and”.
- 24 On page 4, line 1, delete “(c)” and insert “(d)”.
- 25 In line 24, delete “7” and insert “6”.
- 26 In line 41, delete “8” and insert “7”.
- 27 On page 5, line 1, delete “9” and insert “8”.
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