

SB 395 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL **395**

AN ACT relative to the broadband matching grant initiative.

SPONSORS: Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Sherman, Dist 24; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Cavanaugh, Dist 16; Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Hennessey, Dist 1; Rep. Maneval, Ches. 9; Rep. Weber, Ches. 1; Rep. Bucu, Carr. 2; Rep. Porter, Hills. 1

COMMITTEE: Election Law and Municipal Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows municipalities and cell phone service providers to apply for broadband matching grant funds to upgrade local cell phone service.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Department of Business and Economic Affairs; Broadband Matching Grant
2 Initiative. Amend RSA 12-O:61 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

3 IV. A municipality that is located in an area that is determined to lack adequate cell phone
4 service shall be eligible to apply for a grant under this section to provide such service through a
5 communications provider that is capable of serving the area in which the municipality is located. A
6 cell phone service provider that serves an area lacking adequate cell phone service shall, upon
7 approval of governing body of the municipality to be served, also be eligible to apply for a grant
8 under this section. For the purposes of this paragraph, "adequate cell phone service" shall mean cell
9 phone service that meets federal standards for speed, latency, reliability, and consistency in quality
10 of service.

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.