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### **New law will expand access to broadband**

CONCORD, NH – Access to high-speed broadband, especially in rural areas of the state, took another leap forward today following SB 88 being signed into law. The bill reduces hurdles to both planning and executing better internet service. Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro) co-sponsored the legislation, and issued the following statement:

“SB 88 is dedicated to increasing high speed broadband access across the state, especially in rural areas like Carroll County where I live. Mostly importantly, it will reduce the time needed to create local planning committees responsible for gaining access rights to existing utility poles. This will simplify the installation of the new cables needed to provide broadband and encourage multiple service providers to expand their networks into underserved areas.”

“The companion bill I sponsored, SB 85, creates much needed grant funding that cities and towns may utilize to fund these broadband projects. Together, these pieces of legislation will have a tremendous impact. The pandemic revealed we need significantly more broadband access to support our residents working from home, attending school on-line or participating in tele-med visits with their healthcare providers. I’m proud that both SB 88 and SB 85 are now law and look forward to all of the benefits they will bring.”

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