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Present law creates the office of broadband and connectivity (office) within the office of the governor.

Proposed law moves the office from the office of the governor to the division of administration.

Present law provides that the head of the office shall be appointed by the governor subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Proposed law provides that the office of broadband and connectivity shall secure information from any entity providing internet service to at least one location in the state to compile a statewide broadband map.

Proposed law provides that at the request of the office of broadband and connectivity, any entity providing internet service, shall submit to the office broadband deployment information containing the same information in the same format in which the information is submitted to the Federal Communication commission.

Proposed law provides that any entity providing internet service to at least one location in this state that internet service providers that does not comply with the reporting requirements or provides inaccurate information may be ineligible to participate in, or receive funding from, any state-administered grant program designated for broadband infrastructure deployment in the state in the calendar year of noncompliance and the following calendar year.

Proposed law provides that any location in the state purportedly served by any entity, providing internet service to at least one location in the state, that does not comply with the requirements of present law may be considered to have internet access service of less than 25 megabits per second for download and three megabits per second for upload.

Proposed law exempts from public records the information submitted by internet service providers to the office.

Present law sunsets the office at 12 o'clock midnight on June 30, 2023.

Proposed law deletes present law and sunsets the office at 12 o'clock midnight on June 30, 2026.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 51:1362, 1365, and R.S. 44:4.1(B)(35) and adds R.S. 51:1363.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Moves the office of broadband development and connectivity from the office of the governor to the division of administration.
3. Requires internet service providers to report certain information to the office of broadband and connectivity.
4. Provides internet service providers may be ineligible for certain grants if they do not comply with reporting requirements or provide inaccurate information to the office of broadband and connectivity.
5. Provides that a potentially served location now in compliance with proposed law requirements may be considered unserved.
6. Exempts from public records the information submitted by the internet service providers to the office of broadband and connectivity.
7. Sunsets the office of broadband and connectivity on June 30, 2026.