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Abstract: Allows parishes and municipalities to utilize public-private partnership projects for purposes of broadband and high-speed data infrastructure expansion.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides legislative findings.

<u>Proposed law</u> encourages municipalities and parishes to utilize public-private partnership projects (PPPs).

<u>Proposed law</u> allows municipalities and parishes to create data transmission authorities which can enter into agreements with public or private industries in order to create and maintain broadband and high-speed data infrastructure.

<u>Proposed law</u> allows the data transmission authorities to invest public and private funds to finance PPPs, subject to compliance with <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits a partnership created under <u>proposed law</u> from being the internet service provider.

(Adds R.S. 51:1371)