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## DIGEST

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HB 617 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to broadband.

Proposed law provides that the office of broadband and connectivity may use any unobligated funds from GUMBO 1.0 as of June 3, 2024, for eligible nonbroadband infrastructure project uses defined in the U.S. Treasury document titled "Guidance for the Coronavirus Capital Project Fund, for States, Territories and Freely Associated States". The office may promulgate rules and scoring criteria for these funds.

(Adds R.S. 51:2370.17)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove language allowing the office to provide the remaining of committed matching funds to local governments.
3. Give the office the authority to promulgate rules rather than require the office to promulgate rules.