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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Ausley moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 187 - 255

and insert:

(f) Administer the Broadband Opportunity Program
established in s. 288.9962.

(5) ADMINISTRATION.—The department may:

(a) Apply for and accept federal funds for purposes of this section.

(b) Enter into contracts necessary or useful to carry out



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11 the purposes of this section.

12 (c) Establish any committee or workgroup to administer and
13 carry out the purposes of this section.

14 (d) Adopt rules to implement this part.

15 Section 4. For the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, the nonrecurring
16 sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund
17 to the Department of Economic Opportunity to develop geographic
18 information system maps of broadband Internet service
19 availability throughout this state consistent with the Digital
20 Opportunity Data Collection program reporting standards
21 established by the Federal Communications Commission. The maps
22 must identify where broadband-capable networks exist, where
23 service is available to end users, gaps in rural areas, and
24 download and upload transmission speeds. Development of the maps
25 may be in collaboration with broadband service providers, state
26 agencies, local governmental entities, private businesses,
27 educational institutions, and community organizations and the
28 maps may incorporate information already compiled by other state
29 agencies provided that the data is verified and the department
30 can determine that the information was compiled based on a sound
31 and reliable methodology. The department must receive and verify
32 public input to identify locations in which broadband Internet
33 service is not available, including locations in which broadband
34 Internet service is provided at data transmission speeds below
35 the standard established by the Federal Communications
36 Commission for broadband Internet service, and incorporate such
37 information into the development of the maps. The maps must be
38 complete by June 30, 2022.

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40 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

41 And the title is amended as follows:

42 Delete lines 17 - 30

43 and insert:

44 assistance to rural communities; providing for
45 rulemaking; providing an appropriation to the
46 Department of Economic Opportunity for geographic
47 information system broadband mapping; specifying the
48 development and contents of the maps; creating s.
49 288.9962, F.S.;