



2023-2024 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 10: Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments, Sec. 10.2: BEAD Deployment

Committee:		Date:	September 26, 2024
Introduced by:	Reps. D. Hall, B. Jones, Saine, Carson Smith	Prepared by:	Aaron McGlothlin
Analysis of:	Sec. 10.2 of Ratified		Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: *Section 10.2 of House Bill 10 would make various changes to the laws that relate to broadband deployment and the Department of Information Technology (DIT), which include:*

- *Establishing the Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology for Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Fund (GREAT 3.0 Fund), as a special revenue fund in DIT, to pay for infrastructure costs of projects designed to extend broadband service to unserved and underserved areas and to community anchor institutions.*
- *Directing the Broadband Infrastructure Office in DIT to implement a competitive subgrantee selection process in conformance with the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58).*
- *Requiring DIT to submit annual and periodic reports concerning the implementation of the GREAT 3.0 Program to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology and the Fiscal Research Division.*
- *Appropriating to DIT up to \$23 million in federal funds received for digital literacy from the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58), to be used in accordance with the North Carolina Digital Equity Plan.*
- *Eliminating the sunset provision for the Broadband Pole Replacement Program, which is set to expire on December 31, 2024.*

House Bill 10 was ratified by the General Assembly on September 11, 2024, and vetoed by the Governor on September 20, 2024.

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