

HOUSE BILL 10: Require ICE Cooperation & Budget Adjustments, Sec. 10.1: Completing Access to Broadband Program

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Analysis of: Sec. 10.1 of S.L. 2024-55
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OVERVIEW: Section 10.1 of S.L. 2024-55 makes the following changes to the Completing Access to Broadband (CAB) Program:

- Directs the Department of Information Technology (DIT) to utilize up to \$190 million of funds appropriated to the CAB Program, to provide the county project cost responsibility for the 37 counties that had committed, as of May 1, 2024, to both participate in the CAB Program and provide the county's cost share match.
- Requires broadband service providers selected for a project under the CAB Program to provide at least 30% of the total estimated project cost.
- Eliminates the requirement that county governments provide at least 35% of the total estimated project costs.
- Eliminates the requirement that county governments provide DIT its portion of total estimated project costs upon executing an agreement with a broadband service provider.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on September 20, 2024, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on November 20, 2024. This section of the act became effective July 1, 2024, and applies to grant funding requests submitted on or after that date.

