



HOUSE BILL 125: Continuing Budget Operations, Sec. 4.4: BEAD Deployment Changes

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Section 4.4 of S.L. 2025-89 (House Bill 125) does all of the following:

- Revises the statute authorizing the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program to incorporate by reference to federal law the definitions for the following terms: "low-cost broadband service," "reliable broadband service," "underserved," and "unserved."
- Repeals a provision that directed the Broadband Infrastructure Office in the Department of Information Technology (DIT) to prioritize applicants proposing to serve the highest number of new unserved and underserved locations when deciding between competing applicants for a BEAD grant who have received the same score on the objective, 100-point scale used to evaluate grant applicants.
- Appropriates to DIT any federal funds received from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the BEAD Program to be used for administering the Program.

This section became effective retroactively to July 1, 2025.

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