

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 687**

A bill to create the Michigan high-speed internet office; to prescribe the powers and duties of the Michigan high-speed internet office; to allow the provision of grants and other financial and technical assistance related to broadband and digital infrastructure; to provide the powers and duties of certain state officers and entities; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "Michigan high-speed
2 internet office act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Broadband internet access service" means a mass-market
5 retail service by wire or radio that provides the capability to
6 transmit data to, and receive data from, all or substantially all



1 internet endpoints, including, but not limited to, any capability
2 that is incidental to and that enables the operation of the
3 communications service. Broadband internet access service does not
4 include dial-up internet access service.

5 (b) "Broadband internet access service provider" means an
6 entity that provides broadband internet access service in this
7 state.

8 (c) "Department" means the department of labor and economic
9 opportunity.

10 (d) "Modern broadband and digital infrastructure" means the
11 technology and associated equipment used to provide broadband
12 internet access service with speeds of at least 100 megabits per
13 second downstream and 20 megabits per second upstream, scalable to
14 100 megabits per second speeds and latency sufficient to support
15 real-time, interactive applications and that meet the educational,
16 economic, and consumer needs of residents of this state.

17 (e) "Office" means the Michigan high-speed internet office
18 created in section 3.

19 Sec. 3. (1) The Michigan high-speed internet office is created
20 within the department.

21 (2) The director of the department shall appoint a director of
22 the office. The individual appointed as the director of the office
23 must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties
24 and exercise the powers of the office and the director of the
25 office.

26 Sec. 5. The director of the office shall establish procedures
27 for the office for budgeting, expending money, and employing
28 personnel according to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
29 MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.



1 Sec. 7. (1) The office may, upon appropriation, award grants
2 or provide other financial and technical assistance to carry out
3 the purposes of this act.

4 (2) If the office awards grants using the Broadband Equity,
5 Access, and Deployment Program funding, the office shall distribute
6 1/3 of those funds to grant recipients that are educational
7 institutions.

8 (3) As used in this section, "educational institution" means
9 any of the following:

10 (a) A public school, as that term is defined in section 5 of
11 the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

12 (b) A public community or junior college established under
13 section 7 of article VIII of the state constitution of 1963 or part
14 25 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1601 to
15 380.1607, or a state university described in section 4, 5, or 6 of
16 article VIII of the state constitution of 1963.

17 Sec. 9. The office shall do all of the following:

18 (a) Implement modern broadband and digital infrastructure
19 duties assigned to the office and coordinate with other state
20 departments responsible for modern broadband and digital
21 infrastructure matters.

22 (b) Facilitate collaboration among public and private entities
23 to encourage partnerships, regional coordination, and streamlined
24 policies to increase modern broadband and digital infrastructure.

25 (c) Identify best practices and external resources to support
26 modern broadband and digital infrastructure in this state.

27 (d) Provide capacity building and digital literacy resources
28 to the public and entities seeking to expand broadband internet
29 access service and adoption.



1 (e) Promote and implement policies that utilize modern
2 broadband and digital infrastructure to do any of the following:

3 (i) Revitalize neighborhoods and communities.

4 (ii) Support economic development opportunities.

5 (iii) Increase hiring and retention of skilled workers that
6 support modern broadband and digital infrastructure in this state.

7 (iv) Integrate the deployment of modern broadband and digital
8 infrastructure through existing infrastructure and economic
9 development programs.

10 (f) Collect and analyze data to accurately determine the
11 availability of broadband internet access service, including the
12 development of methods that accurately identify parcel level
13 wholesale and retail broadband infrastructure availability and
14 adoption throughout this state.

15 (g) Issue reports on the status of broadband internet access
16 service market competition in different regions throughout this
17 state that distinguish between the type and quality of broadband
18 internet access service provided and evaluate and provide an
19 analysis on the wholesale and retail cost of broadband internet
20 access service.

21 (h) Serve as a point of contact between the public and
22 broadband internet access service providers to improve access,
23 adoption, and transparency of broadband internet access service.

24 Sec. 11. This act is repealed effective 5 years after the
25 effective date of this act.

