



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1164/P1  
EHS:kjf

DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0414 - Broadband expansion grants for political subdivisions in unserved or underserved areas

**FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT ...; relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**STATE GOVERNMENT**

**PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION**

***Eligibility for broadband expansion grants***

This bill makes a city, village, town, or county eligible to apply for a broadband expansion grant from the PSC if the political subdivision is underserved or located in an unserved area. Under current law, underserved means served by fewer than two broadband service providers, and an unserved area is an area not served by an Internet service provider that meets certain standards for the service provided and for upload and download speeds. Under current law, a political subdivision is only eligible to apply for a broadband expansion grant if its application is submitted in partnership with a nonprofit organization or a telecommunications utility.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 196.504 (1) (ac) 4. of the statutes is created to read:

196.504 (1) (ac) 4. A political subdivision that is underserved or that is located in an unserved area.

**(END)**