



State of Wisconsin
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Sherwin, BB0444 - Granular broadband mapping data

FOR 2021-2023 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

STATE GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATION

Broadband mapping

Under this bill, the PSC must require Internet service providers, annually by April 1, to disclose to the PSC the properties they serve, the average minimum download and upload speeds at which they provide Internet service to those properties, and a description of their existing service areas. The bill requires the PSC to use this information to conduct broadband mapping and facilitate the deployment of broadband infrastructure and access to broadband service. The bill adds an exception to the public records law by requiring the PSC to withhold from public inspection any information disclosed by Internet service providers that would aid a competitor in competing with that provider if the PSC determines that public disclosure is not necessary to conduct broadband mapping or facilitate the deployment of broadband infrastructure and access to broadband service.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 196.504 (3) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

196.504 (3) (d) 1. Require each Internet service provider to disclose to the commission by April 1 of each year the properties it serves, the average minimum download and upload speeds at which it provides residential and business Internet service to those properties, and a description of its existing service area in a format determined by the commission.

2. Use the information disclosed under subd. 1. to conduct broadband mapping and facilitate the deployment of broadband infrastructure and access to broadband service.

3. Notwithstanding s. 19.35, the commission shall withhold from public inspection any information disclosed to the commission under subd. 1. that would aid a competitor of an Internet service provider in competing with the Internet service provider if the commission determines that public disclosure is not necessary to accomplish the purposes under subd. 2.

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