

State of Misconsin 2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1	AN ACT to renumber and amend 196.504 (1) (a); to amend 196.504 (2) (c); to
2	<i>repeal and recreate</i> 20.155 (3) (r); and <i>to create</i> 196.218 (3) (a) 3. c., 196.504
3	(1) (ab), 196.504 (1) (ad), 196.504 (1) (c) and 196.504 (2) (e) of the statutes;
4	relating to: broadband expansion grants and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

For further information see the *state and local* 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:

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Study Committee on Rural Broadband.

- 5 SECTION 1. 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert
- 6 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:
- 2019-20 2020-21

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1	20.155 Public Service Commission
2	(3) Affiliated grant programs
3	(r) Broadband expansion grants SEG C 1,500,000 1,500,000
4	SECTION 2. 20.155 (3) (r) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:
5	20.155 (3) (r) Broadband expansion grants. From the universal service fund,
6	as a continuing appropriation, the amounts in the schedule for broadband expansion
7	grants under s. 196.504.
8	SECTION 3. 196.218 (3) (a) 3. c. of the statutes is created to read:
9	196.218 (3) (a) 3. c. The amount appropriated under s. 20.155 (3) (r).
10	SECTION 4. 196.504 (1) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 196.504 (1) (ac), and
11	196.504 (1) (ac) 3., as renumbered, is amended to read:
12	196.504 (1) (ac) 3. A political subdivision or school district that submits an
13	application in partnership with an eligible applicant under subd. 1. or 2.
14	SECTION 5. 196.504 (1) (ab) of the statutes is created to read:
15	196.504 (1) (ab) "Economic development" has the meaning given in s. 196.796
16	(1) (c).
17	SECTION 6. 196.504 (1) (ad) of the statutes is created to read:
18	196.504 (1) (ad) "Fixed wireless service" has the meaning given in s. 77.51
19	(3rn), except that it does not include mobile wireless service, as defined in s. 77.51
20	(7k).
21	SECTION 7. 196.504 (1) (c) of the statutes is created to read:
22	196.504 (1) (c) "Unserved area" means an area of this state that is not served
23	by an Internet service provider offering Internet service that is all of the following:
24	1. Fixed wireless service or wired service.

1	2. Provided at actual speeds of at least 15 percent of the upload and download
2	speeds for high-speed, switched, broadband telecommunications capability as
3	designated by the federal communications commission in its inquiries regarding
4	advanced telecommunications capability under 47 USC 1302 (b).
5	3. Offered at a price that is reasonable, as determined by the commission.
6	SECTION 8. 196.504 (2) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
7	196.504 (2) (c) To establish criteria for evaluating applications and awarding
8	grants under this section. The criteria shall prohibit grants that have the effect of
9	subsidizing the expenses of a provider of telecommunications service, as defined in
10	s. 182.017 (1g) (cq), or the monthly bills of customers of those providers. The criteria
11	shall give priority to projects that include matching funds, that involve
12	public-private partnerships, that affect areas with no broadband service providers
13	<u>unserved areas</u> , that are scalable, that promote economic development, <u>that do not</u>
14	duplicate broadband service infrastructure, that will not result in delaying the
15	provision of broadband service to areas neighboring areas to be served by the
16	proposed project, or that affect a large geographic area or a large number of
17	underserved individuals or communities. <u>When evaluating grant applications</u>
18	under this section, the commission shall consider the impacts of the proposed
19	projects on the ability of individuals to access health care services from home and the
20	cost of those services, and the ability of students to access educational opportunities
21	<u>from home.</u>
22	SECTION 9. 196.504 (2) (e) of the statutes is created to read:
23	196.504 (2) (e) To designate areas of the state as unserved areas.
24	SECTION 10. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication,
25	except as follows:

(1) BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANTS. The treatment of sections 20.155 (3) (r) and
196.218 (3) (a) 3. c. of the statutes and SECTION 1 of this act takes effect on July 1,
2019, or on the 2nd day after publication of the 2019-21 biennial budget act,
whichever is later.

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