



State of Wisconsin  
2019 - 2020 LEGISLATURE

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## 2019 SENATE BILL 839

February 20, 2020 - Introduced by Senators SMITH, RINGHAND, ERPENBACH, HANSEN, JOHNSON and MILLER, cosponsored by Representatives SHANKLAND, VRUWINK, MILROY, DOYLE, ANDERSON, CONSIDINE, EMERSON, HESSELBEIN, KOLSTE, OHNSTAD, POPE, SARGENT, SINICKI, STUBBS and SUBECK. Referred to Committee on Utilities and Housing.

1     **AN ACT to create** 20.155 (3) (b) and 196.504 (3) (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the statutes;  
2             **relating to:** the Public Service Commission's authority to obtain information  
3             about Internet service availability, broadband expansion grants, and making  
4             an appropriation.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill requires the Public Service Commission to require retail electric utilities and cooperatives to survey customers and members about broadband service availability and reimburse the utilities and cooperatives for conducting the surveys. The bill also requires the PSC to require Internet service providers to disclose to the PSC the properties they serve and the average minimum download and upload speeds at which they provide residential and business service to those properties. The PSC must use the survey results and information disclosed to improve broadband mapping.

The bill also provides a supplemental appropriation for the broadband expansion grant program administered by the PSC. Under current law, the PSC awards grants for constructing broadband infrastructure in underserved areas designated by the PSC.

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

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

1           **SECTION 1.** 20.005 (3) (schedule) of the statutes: at the appropriate place, insert  
2 the following amounts for the purposes indicated:

	<b>2019-20</b>		<b>2020-21</b>
3 <b>20.155 Public service commission</b>			
4   (3)   AFFILIATED GRANT PROGRAMS			
5       (b)   Broadband expansion grants;			
6           supplemental	GPR	A	-0- 100,000,000

7           **SECTION 2.** 20.155 (3) (b) of the statutes is created to read:  
8           20.155 (3) (b) *Broadband expansion grants; supplemental.* The amounts in the  
9 schedule for broadband expansion grants under s. 196.504.

10           **SECTION 3.** 196.504 (3) (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the statutes are created to read:  
11           196.504 (3) (d) Require electric providers to survey customers and members  
12 about the availability of broadband service and provide the survey results to the  
13 commission.

14           (e) Reimburse electric providers for the cost of conducting surveys under par.  
15 (d).

16           (f) Require Internet service providers to disclose to the commission the  
17 properties they serve and the average minimum download and upload speeds at  
18 which they provide residential and business service to those properties.

