

HB 898 -- Council on Digital Inclusion

Sponsor: Smith (71)

This bill establishes the Council on Digital Inclusion consisting of eight members representing various specified groups with an interest in technology, education, health, public housing, and local government and the Office of Administration who are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to serve three-year terms. The council must meet at least four times a year, and its duties include serving in an advisory capacity to the Office of Administration regarding broadband deployment and digital inclusion, making recommendations to ensure equitable access for all Missourians, reviewing available grant programs to identify sources of revenue, researching and cataloging digital literacy and community access programs, analyzing infrastructure relationships, and planning for long-term technological sustainability.