

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1768

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 620.2451, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to rural broadband access funding.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 620.2451, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 620.2451, to read as follows:

620.2451. Grants awarded under sections 620.2450 to 620.2458 shall fund the acquisition and installation of retail broadband internet service at speeds of at least twenty-five megabits per-second download and three megabits per-second upload, but that is scalable to higher speeds. **The department shall maintain a record of all federal grants awarded to entities for the purposes of providing, maintaining, and expanding rural broadband in the state of Missouri. In cases in which funds have been awarded by a federal agency but later retained, withheld, or otherwise not distributed to the original grant recipient due to failure to meet performance standards or other criteria, the department shall seek to have the funds awarded to another eligible, qualified Missouri broadband provider.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.