General Assembly

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LCO No. **3764**

Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 16-330b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

(a) The Office of Policy and Management shall, in accordance with sections 4d-90 and 4-67p and in consultation with other state agencies deemed appropriate by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, develop and maintain an up-to-date broadband map, with accompanying data, showing the availability and adoption of broadband Internet access service, including broadband Internet download and upload speeds, in the state. The Office of Policy and Management **[**may**]** shall rely on credible and relevant data, as determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, provided by broadband Internet access service providers, state agencies, political subdivisions of the state and other third parties, including, but not limited to, broadband Internet access service consumers, in the development and maintenance of said map. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management may employ outside consultants in the

development and maintenance of said map.

(b) On or before December 1, 2022, and each year thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall publish said up-to-date broadband map on the Office of Policy and Management's Internet web site.

(c) (1) Each broadband Internet access service provider shall provide the Office of Policy and Management, in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, with information required to develop and maintain an up-to-date broadband map showing the availability of broadband Internet access service and subscription data by broadband Internet speed offered by such provider.

(A) Such information may be submitted in the form of a labeled shapefile that **[**shall include**]** includes (i) for each address or structure in the state at which service is available from the broadband Internet access service provider, the maximum advertised downstream bandwidth, maximum advertised upstream bandwidth and transmission technology, and (ii) for each area served by the broadband Internet access service provider, provided such area is not larger than a census block group, for each combination of advertised downstream and upstream bandwidth of the service as sold and transmission technology, the total number of connections and total number of consumer connections.

(B) In prescribing the form and manner of the information submitted pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall make reasonable efforts to conform with the Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act, 47 USC 641 et seq., as amended from time to time, the Federal Communications Commission rules adopted thereunder and the Federal Communications Commission's Form 477 filing process.

(2) Any information provided by a broadband Internet access service

provider pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed a trade secret and exempt from public disclosure pursuant to section 1-210. Pursuant to a data sharing agreement, the Office of Policy and Management may provide such information to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Office of State Broadband and the Commission for Educational Technology for the purposes of administering the grant program and preparing the reports required under section 16-330c, and shall not disclose such information to any nongovernmental individual or entity, other than an outside consultant employed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or section 16-330c, except: (A) In an aggregated form necessary to develop and maintain the map and data pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, or (B) with the permission of the broadband Internet access service provider. Any contract or data-sharing agreement entered into by the Office of Policy and Management with any other governmental **[**entities**]** entity or outside **[**consultants**]** consultant shall include a confidentiality agreement concerning the trade secret information obtained pursuant to this subsection.

(d) Each state agency and political subdivision of the state shall provide all information requested by the Office of Policy and Management for the purpose of developing and maintaining an up-to-date broadband map.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*October 1, 2025*	16-330b

Statement of Purpose:

To revise a statute concerning an up-to-date broadband map of the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]