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Short Title: Broadband Availability Reporting Required.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING COMPANIES AND OTHER ENTITIES OFFERING  
BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICES TO PROVIDE ANNUAL REPORTS TO  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING SERVICE AREAS AND  
AVAILABILITY OF BROADBAND SERVICES WITHIN THOSE AREAS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Part 2F of Article 10 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes  
is amended by adding a new section to read:

**"§ 143B-437.48. Broadband service providers; required reports.**

(a) Any company offering high-speed broadband Internet access to consumers in this State shall report annually by January 31 to the Information Systems Division of the North Carolina General Assembly on its service areas and its equipment, speed levels, and offerings for broadband services within its service areas. The report shall cover the preceding calendar year and shall also contain the following information:

(1) A description and map of the company's service area clearly indicating where high-speed broadband Internet services are offered within the service area, and showing road and street detail with as much address detail as is reasonably necessary to permit identification of those households that have high-speed broadband Internet access and those that do not. Each map shall clearly identify the service area boundaries relative to the county lines and city boundaries within the service area, and shall show the names of the counties and cities within the service area. Each map shall indicate the location of the various speeds of high-speed broadband Internet service available within the service area. Each map shall be accompanied by any underlying data used in the development of the map.

(2) A copy of the company's most recent report on broadband subscribership, as provided to the Federal Communications

1                   Commission pursuant to federal law and regulations or any orders  
2                   adopted by the Federal Communications Commission.

3       (b)   A local government entity, or any subdivision thereof, that offers broadband  
4 services or cable television service shall be subject to the reporting requirements of this  
5 section, where applicable.

6       (c)   Proprietary information filed with the Information Systems Division of the  
7 North Carolina General Assembly pursuant to this section is confidential, and is not  
8 subject to disclosure under Chapter 132 of the General Statutes and may not be released  
9 to any person other than to members of the North Carolina General Assembly and its  
10 staff, without the express permission of the submitting service provider. Proprietary  
11 information is considered a trade secret under the Trade Secrets Protection Act, Article  
12 24 of Chapter 66 of the General Statutes. General information collected by the  
13 Information Systems Division of the North Carolina General Assembly may be released  
14 or published by the General Assembly without violating this subsection."

15                   **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.