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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 996**

Introduced by Brandt, 32.

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation
- 2 Act; to amend section 86-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019; to
- 3 create the Broadband Data Improvement Program; to provide powers and
- 4 duties for the Public Service Commission; to harmonize provisions;
- 5 and to repeal the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 86-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is  
2 amended to read:

3 86-101 Sections 86-101 to 86-165 and section 2 of this act shall be  
4 known and may be cited as the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act.

5 Sec. 2. (1) To ensure that the State of Nebraska is accurately  
6 represented in federal broadband grant programs, including grants from  
7 the federal Universal Service Fund, the Broadband Data Improvement  
8 Program is created. The Broadband Data Improvement Program shall be  
9 administered by the commission.

10 (2) The purpose of the Broadband Data Improvement Program is to:

11 (a) Complement the granular broadband availability data submitted by  
12 service providers to the Federal Communications Commission or the  
13 Universal Service Administrative Company;

14 (b) Leverage the Federal Communication Commission's Digital  
15 Opportunity Data Collection to improve Nebraska's broadband map; and

16 (c) Encourage Nebraskans to participate in crowdsourcing efforts  
17 developed to enhance federal broadband mapping.

18 (3) In administering the Broadband Data Improvement Program, the  
19 commission may:

20 (a) Participate in the Federal Communication Commission's Digital  
21 Opportunity Data Collection, as such collection existed on January 1,  
22 2020;

23 (b) In the absence of a federal program to crowdsource broadband  
24 data, develop a state-based broadband data crowdsource program if it is  
25 determined by the commission that doing so would improve Nebraska's  
26 broadband map;

27 (c) Develop a statewide outreach plan to promote citizen  
28 participation in a state or federal broadband data crowdsource program;

29 (d) Allocate resources to areas of the state where public feedback,  
30 crowdsourcing, or other evidence suggests that the federal broadband data  
31 may be inaccurate;

1       (e) Prioritize data improvement in rural areas, including those  
2 areas within any city of the first class, city of the second class,  
3 village, or unincorporated area of a county; and

4       (f) Adhere to any guidelines established by the Federal  
5 Communications Commission for states to improve data.

6       (4) The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to  
7 carry out the purposes of this section.

8       Sec. 3. Original section 86-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019,  
9 is repealed.