A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act; to amend section 86-1312, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide for certain administration of federal funds by the Public Service Commission as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. Section 86-1312, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is amended to read:

86-1312 (1) Any political subdivision of the state that allocates funds received under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for eligible broadband infrastructure projects may coordinate with the commission by mutual consent to administer such federal funds in a manner consistent with the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act.

(2) In administering federal funds pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the commission may allocate such funds received for eligible projects awarded grants under subdivision (1)(c) of section 81-12,245 to any portion of a local exchange area containing a city of the second class or village.

Sec. 2. Original section 86-1312, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, is repealed.