An Act To Provide Funding for Broadband Internet Infrastructure in Unserved and Underserved Areas

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

Presented by Senator HERBIG of Waldo.
Cosponsored by Representative RILEY of Jay and
Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CLAXTON of Androscoggin, President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: CUDDY of Winterport, DOUDERA of Camden, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HICKMAN of Winthrop.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CONNECTME AUTHORITY

Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund Z196

Initiative: Appropriates funds to the ConnectME Authority for the provision of broadband Internet infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas.

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<th>GENERAL FUND</th>
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SUMMARY

This bill appropriates $15,000,000 from the General Fund to the ConnectME Authority for the provision of broadband Internet infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas.