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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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**RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT
AND INVESTMENT ACT**

Introduced By: Representatives J. Lombardi, Hull, and Stewart

Date Introduced: January 15, 2026

Referred To: House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 39-28 of the General Laws entitled "Broadband Deployment and
2 Investment Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **39-28-8. Broadband community outreach coordinator -- Affordable connectivity**
4 **program.**

5 There is hereby established, within the division of public utilities, a broadband community
6 outreach coordinator to assist state residents interested in learning more and/or applying for, the
7 federal Affordable Connectivity Program.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would establish a statewide broadband community outreach coordinator to assist
- 2 state residents interested in learning more and/or applying for, the federal Affordable Connectivity
- 3 Program.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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