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Representative ERICKSON proposes the following amendment:

SECTION 73 - R060 OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF

Amend

73.bm. (SC Broadband Map) (A)(1) From funds appropriated, the Office of Broadband Coordinator shall contact the appropriate entities to provide information necessary to compile the county-by-county broadband mapping plan required by Section 10 of Act 142 of 2020 showing the location and capability of broadband facilities throughout the State. In order to facilitate the provision of information necessary to this task, all information provided by a broadband service provider or other entity providing information for the purpose of creating a South Carolina broadband map shall be maintained by the Office of Broadband Coordinator and any other agency as confidential, proprietary, and a trade secret as defined in Section 30-4-40 of the 1976 Code, and subject to exemption from disclosure under state and federal law. The information shall not be subject to disclosure under Chapter 4, Title 30 of the 1976 Code, except in the form of a map where information that could be used to determine provider-specific information about the network of the broadband service provider or other providing entity is not disclosed.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this provision, such broadband provider-specific information shall not be released to any person other than to the broadband service provider or other entity providing information, employees of the Office of Broadband Coordinator, agents designated to assist in developing the South Carolina broadband map, entities contracting with the Office of Broadband Coordinator, and other state agencies administering funds for broadband deployment without express permission of the submitting broadband service provider or other entity providing information. Such information shall be used solely for the purposes stated under this provision. The Office of Broadband Coordinator shall ensure that any such agents, entities, or agencies with whom the information is shared are aware of the confidential nature and restricted purposes for which the information may be used and that any such agents or entities that are not state agencies execute an appropriate nondisclosure agreement protecting the information from public disclosure before receiving the information.

(B) Entities providing broadband service or middle-mile infrastructure in South Carolina shall, on an annual basis, provide to the Office of Broadband Coordinator, deployment data in a format specified by the Office to provide the most accurate and granular

representation of currently available broadband infrastructure. These same entities, when they serve residential or business customers, shall also provide the type of technology deployed together with the sustainable download and upload speeds available at each serviceable location. Entities failing to provide such data on an annual basis may be disqualified from state funding opportunities for the upcoming year. Annually, the Office shall compile this information, analyze, and update statewide broadband deployment information.

(C) Any unexpended funds at the end of the prior fiscal year shall be carried forward and expended in the current fiscal year by the Office of Regulatory Staff for the same purposes.