

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4066**

A bill to create the Michigan high-speed internet office; to prescribe the powers and duties of the Michigan high-speed internet office; to allow the provision of grants and other financial and technical assistance related to broadband and digital infrastructure; and to provide the powers and duties of certain state officers and entities.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "Michigan high-speed
2 internet office act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Broadband internet access service" means a mass-market
5 retail service by wire or radio that provides the capability to
6 transmit data to, and receive data from, all or substantially all



1 internet endpoints, including, but not limited to, any capability
2 that is incidental to and that enables the operation of the
3 communications service. Broadband internet access service does not
4 include dial-up internet access service.

5 (b) "Broadband internet access service provider" means an
6 entity that provides broadband internet access service in this
7 state.

8 (c) "Department" means the department of labor and economic
9 opportunity.

10 (d) "Modern broadband and digital infrastructure" means the
11 technology and associated equipment used to provide broadband
12 internet access service.

13 (e) "Office" means the Michigan high-speed internet office
14 created in section 3.

15 Sec. 3. (1) The Michigan high-speed internet office is created
16 within the department.

17 (2) The director of the department shall appoint a director of
18 the office. The individual appointed as the director of the office
19 must be qualified by training and experience to perform the duties
20 and exercise the powers of the office and the director of the
21 office.

22 Sec. 5. The director of the office shall establish procedures
23 for the office for budgeting, expending money, and employing
24 personnel according to the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431,
25 MCL 18.1101 to 18.1594.

26 Sec. 7. The office may, upon appropriation, award grants or
27 provide other financial and technical assistance to carry out the
28 purposes of this act.

29 Sec. 9. The office shall do all of the following:



1 (a) Implement modern broadband and digital infrastructure
2 duties assigned to the office and coordinate with other state
3 departments responsible for modern broadband and digital
4 infrastructure matters.

5 (b) Facilitate collaboration among public and private entities
6 to encourage partnerships, regional coordination, and streamlined
7 policies to increase modern broadband and digital infrastructure.

8 (c) Identify best practices and external resources to support
9 modern broadband and digital infrastructure in this state.

10 (d) Provide capacity building and digital literacy resources
11 to the public and entities seeking to expand broadband internet
12 access service and adoption.

13 (e) Promote and implement policies that utilize modern
14 broadband and digital infrastructure to do any of the following:

15 (i) Revitalize neighborhoods and communities.

16 (ii) Support economic development opportunities.

17 (iii) Increase hiring and retention of skilled workers that
18 support modern broadband and digital infrastructure in this state.

19 (iv) Integrate the deployment of modern broadband and digital
20 infrastructure through existing infrastructure and economic
21 development programs.

22 (f) Collect and analyze data to accurately determine the
23 availability of broadband internet access service, including the
24 development of methods that accurately identify parcel level
25 wholesale and retail broadband infrastructure availability and
26 adoption throughout this state.

27 (g) Issue reports on the status of broadband internet access
28 service market competition in different regions throughout this
29 state that distinguish between the type and quality of broadband



1 internet access service provided and evaluate and provide
2 recommendations on the wholesale and retail cost of broadband
3 internet access service.

4 (h) Serve as a point of contact between the public and
5 broadband internet access service providers to improve access,
6 adoption, and transparency of broadband internet access service.