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HB 2678

Introduced by
Representative Cobb

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER, 10, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1511; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA COMMERCE AUTHORITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1   Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2   Section 1. Title 41, chapter 10, article 1, Arizona Revised
3   Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1511, to read:
4   41-1511. State broadband office; director; duties
5   A. THE STATE BROADBAND OFFICE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE AUTHORITY.
6   B. THE STATE BROADBAND OFFICE CONSISTS OF THE STATE BROADBAND
7   DIRECTOR, WHO SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THE
8   CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER MAY HIRE STAFF FOR THE STATE BROADBAND OFFICE TO
9   DO THE FOLLOWING:
10   1. COORDINATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL
11 BROADBAND PROGRAMS.
12   2. COORDINATE AND EXECUTE FEDERAL BROADBAND GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH
13 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STAKEHOLDERS.
14   3. PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO STAKEHOLDERS IN NAVIGATING
15 LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATORY AND PERMITTING PROCESSES FOR BROADBAND
16 INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.
17   4. PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC AND
18 PRIVATE PARTNERS ON FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL BROADBAND POLICIES AND
19 PRACTICES.
20   5. SOLICIT FEEDBACK FROM STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM LOCAL,
21 STATE AND FEDERAL BROADBAND POLICY PRIORITIES THAT MAY INFLUENCE LOCAL,
22 STATE AND FEDERAL BROADBAND POLICIES AND PROGRAMS.
23   6. WORK WITH LOCAL PARTNERS, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES AND
24 TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDERS TO DEVELOP PLANS TO IMPROVE INTERNET
25 CONNECTIVITY AND RESILIENCY IN THIS STATE.
26   C. THE STATE BROADBAND OFFICE SHALL PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN A STATE
27 BROADBAND PLAN THAT FURTHER ELABORATES ON THE STRATEGIES AND TACTICS TO
28 ACHIEVE THIS STATE'S BROADBAND GOALS.
29   D. THE STATE BROADBAND OFFICE MAY DEVELOP RULES AND GUIDELINES TO
30 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.