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Introduced by M. of A. GUNTHER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT directing the department of public service to study the feasibility of a municipal broadband program within the state

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The department of public service shall, in consultation with the urban development corporation and any other relevant state entity, undertake a study and evaluation of the feasibility of a municipal broadband program within the state. Such study and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to: the estimated costs of a municipal broadband program, the current state and federal resources available to municipalities to undertake such a program, and the relevant expertise necessary for a municipality to administer such a program.

§ 2. The department of public service shall evaluate such data with the assistance of experts in:

a. internet speeds;

b. telecommunications; and

c. broadband infrastructure.

§ 3. No later than one year after the effective date of this act, the department of public service shall submit to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly a report on the feasibility of a municipal broadband program within the state. Such report shall also be posted on the department of public service's website.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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