STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 29, 2024

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to requiring municipalities to test the quality of their public internet service

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

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 99-yy to read as follows:

§ 99-yy. Public internet service; testing. 1. Each municipal corporation that offers the public the ability to use their computer or mobile devices for internet access at any of its buildings or other public spaces shall annually test the quality of such internet service including the average range, speed, effectiveness and security.

2. Within sixty days of the completion of the testing required in subdivision one of this section, each municipal corporation shall post the results of such testing on its internet website. Such post shall also include information on internet safety and security including how members of the public can protect themselves when using publicly available internet services. Each county shall notify every household in its jurisdiction by mail of the annual posting of test results and where to access such information.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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