

1 Committee of Conference Report on SB 445-FN, relative to the broadband matching grant initiative.

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3 Recommendation:

4 That the Senate recede from its position of nonconcurrence with the House amendment, and  
5 concur with the House amendment, and

6 That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by the  
7 House, and pass the bill as so amended:

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9 Amend the bill by deleting section 1 and renumbering the original sections 2-6 to read as 1-5,  
10 respectively.

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12 Amend the bill by replacing section 4 with the following:

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14 4 New Paragraphs; Broadband Matching Grant Initiative; Conflicts and Reporting  
15 Requirement. Amend RSA 12-O:62 by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraphs:

16 VIII. If the provisions of RSA 12-O:61, RSA 12-O:62, or RSA 12-O:63 conflict with the  
17 provisions of the federal funding guidance, specifically for the purposes of the broadband matching  
18 grant initiative or the broadband matching grant fund, the federal funding guidance shall control.

19 IX.(a) The commissioner of the department of business and economic affairs shall submit a  
20 quarterly report, beginning July 1, 2022, to the fiscal committee of the general court, which includes:

21 (1) The number of grant applications received by the department.

22 (2) A list of the grants approved by the department, including the broadband  
23 provider, the political subdivisions covered, and the dollar amount of each grant.

24 (3) A list of grants denied by the department.

25 (4) The details of any successful or unsuccessful appeal of a department decision to  
26 deny an application.

27 (5) The details of any federal coronavirus capital project funds, authorized by the  
28 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, appropriated for reasons not included in the broadband matching  
29 grant initiative.

30 (6) The details of any remaining available federal coronavirus capital project funds,  
31 authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on SB 445-FN, relative to the broadband matching grant initiative.

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