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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Energy & Utilities
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Ausley offered the following:

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5 **Amendment**

6 Remove lines 48-64 and insert:

7 (a) Monitor the adoption of broadband Internet service in
 8 collaboration with communications service providers, including,
 9 but not limited to, wireless and wireline Internet service
 10 providers, and to by June 30, 2021, and annually thereafter,
 11 develop geographical information system maps at the census tract
 12 level consistent with the Digital Opportunity Data Collection
 13 program reporting standards established by the Federal
 14 Communications Commission, that will:

- 15 1. Identify geographic areas and locations in the state
 16 where broadband-capable networks exist and broadband Internet

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17 service is available to end users ~~gaps in broadband services,~~
18 ~~including areas unserved by any broadband provider and areas~~
19 ~~served by a single broadband provider; and~~

20 2. Identify the download and upload data transmission
21 speeds available in each geographic area ~~made available to~~
22 ~~businesses and individuals in the state, at the census tract~~
23 ~~level of detail, using data rate benchmarks for broadband~~
24 ~~service used by the Federal Communications Commission to reflect~~
25 ~~different speed tiers; and~~

26 3. ~~Provide a baseline assessment of statewide broadband~~
27 ~~deployment in terms of percentage of households with broadband~~
28 ~~availability.~~

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30 In developing the maps required by this subsection, the office
31 shall establish a mechanism to receive and verify public input
32 that identifies locations in which broadband Internet service is
33 not available, including locations in which broadband Internet
34 service is provided at data transmission speeds below the
35 standard established by the Federal Communications Commission
36 for broadband Internet service. The office shall monitor,
37 participate in, and provide input in proceedings of the Federal
38 Communication Commission and other federal agencies related to
39 the geographic availability and deployment of broadband Internet
40 service in the state as necessary to ensure that this
41 information is accurately presented and that rural, unserved,

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42 | and underserved areas of the state are best positioned to
43 | benefit from federal broadband deployment programs.

44 | (b) Create a strategic plan that has goals and strategies

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