A bill for an act

relating to communications; setting state goals for the deployment and speed of high-speed broadband; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 237.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[237.012] BROADBAND GOALS.**

Subdivision 1. **Universal access and high-speed goal.** It is a state goal that as soon as possible, but no later than 2015, all state residents and businesses have access to high-speed broadband that provides minimum download speeds of ten to 20 megabits per second and minimum upload speeds of five to ten megabits per second.

Subd. 2. **State broadband leadership position.** It is a goal of the state that by 2015 and thereafter, the state be in:

(1) the top five states of the United States for broadband speed universally accessible to residents and businesses;

(2) the top five states for broadband access; and

(3) the top 15 of nations globally for broadband access.

Subd. 3. **Annual reports.** The commissioner of commerce must annually by February 10 report on the achievement of the goals under subdivisions 1 and 2 to the chairs of the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over telecommunication issues. The report on goals under subdivision 1 must be made through 2015.

Subd. 4. **Authority of commerce commissioner.** The commissioner of commerce may, among other things, consult with the public and private sector to assist in achieving the goals of subdivision 1 and may appoint an advisory group from those sectors for that purpose.