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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to broadband; requiring the Public Utilities Commission to establish  
1.3 standards for broadband service; requiring a report to the commission; proposing  
1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 237.

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

1.6 Section 1. **237.013 BROADBAND SERVICE STANDARDS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "broadband service" has the  
1.8 meaning given in section 116J.39, subdivision 1.

1.9 Subd. 2. **Standards.** By December 31, 2023, the commission must establish standards  
1.10 for broadband service, including but not limited to standards governing reliability; resiliency;  
1.11 quality; emergency preparedness; postemergency network restoration, including minimum  
1.12 power-backup requirements; and equitability of deployment of broadband availability to  
1.13 low-income areas and communities whose residents are predominantly from racial, ethnic,  
1.14 cultural, or linguistic communities.

1.15 Subd. 3. **Report required.** Beginning December 31, 2024, and annually thereafter, each  
1.16 broadband service provider must submit a written report to the commission, in a format  
1.17 developed by the commission, that addresses the broadband service provider's:

1.18 (1) progress toward achieving the goals of section 237.012; and

1.19 (2) compliance with the standards established under subdivision 2.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.