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03/23/2017	1938	Introduction and first reading Referred to Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy

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A bill for an act

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relating to telecommunications; appropriating money to pay the state-level funding

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match for the federal E-rate program for broadband in schools.

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

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Section 1. **FEDERAL E-RATE PROGRAM MATCHING FUNDS;**

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APPROPRIATION.

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\$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner

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of employment and economic development for the Office of Broadband Development to

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provide funding for schools that are eligible for federal E-rate reimbursement to pay the

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state-level funding match of up to ten percent for E-rate eligible special construction costs

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under Code of Federal Regulations, title 47, section 54.505. When awarding the state-level

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funding match under this section, the Office of Broadband Development must give priority

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to applicant schools that currently lack access to broadband connection at speeds of one

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gigabit per second. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, this appropriation

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is available until July 1, 2020.