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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
03/28/2022	5652	Introduction and first reading Referred to Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy

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A bill for an act
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relating to broadband; requiring the Public Utilities Commission to establish
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standards for broadband service; requiring a report to the commission; proposing
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coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 237.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. **[237.013] BROADBAND SERVICE STANDARDS.**
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Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For the purposes of this section, "broadband service" has the
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meaning given in section 116J.39, subdivision 1.
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Subd. 2. **Standards.** By December 31, 2023, the commission must establish standards
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for broadband service, including but not limited to standards governing reliability; resiliency;
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quality; emergency preparedness; postemergency network restoration, including minimum
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power-backup requirements; and equitability of deployment of broadband availability to
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low-income areas and communities whose residents are predominantly from racial, ethnic,
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cultural, or linguistic communities.
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Subd. 3. **Report required.** Beginning December 31, 2024, and annually thereafter, each
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broadband service provider must submit a written report to the commission, in a format
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developed by the commission, that addresses the broadband service provider's:
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(1) progress toward achieving the goals of section 237.012; and
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(2) compliance with the standards established under subdivision 2.
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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.