ARTICLE 3

BROADBAND

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116J.396, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. Transfer. The commissioner may transfer up to $5,000,000 of a fiscal year appropriation between the border-to-border broadband program, low density population broadband program, and the broadband line extension program to meet demand. The commissioner must inform the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over broadband finance in writing when this transfer authority is used. The written notice must include how much money was transferred and why the transfer was made. The written notice must also be filed with the Legislative Reference Library in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 3.195.

Sec. 2. BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT; APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL FUNDING; APPROPRIATION.

(a) The commissioner of employment and economic development must prepare and submit an application to the United States Department of Commerce requesting State Digital Equity Capacity Grant funding made available under Public Law 117-58, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

(b) The amount awarded to Minnesota pursuant to the application submitted under paragraph (a) is appropriated to the commissioner of employment and economic development for purposes of the commissioner's Minnesota Digital Opportunity Plan.

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