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3 By Senator Jones
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SYNOPSIS: This bill would require communications service providers operating in the state to submit a report containing their communications network area coverage map to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to communications service providers; to require a provider to report its communications network area coverage map to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER. Any of the following:

a. A cable operator, as defined in 47 U.S.C. § 522.

1 b. A provider of information service, as defined in
2 47 U.S.C. § 153.

3 c. A telecommunications carrier, as defined in 47
4 U.S.C. § 153.

5 d. A person who provides any services to the public
6 using licensed or unlicensed spectrum, including the use of
7 Wi-Fi, whether at a fixed location or mobile, using wireless
8 facilities.

9 (b) Beginning January 1, 2021, each communications
10 service provider shall submit a report containing its
11 communications network area coverage map to the Alabama
12 Department of Economic and Community Affairs. Not later than
13 January 1 of each year, a provider shall submit a supplemental
14 report to the department to reflect changes in the provider's
15 coverage area.

16 (c) The Alabama Department of Economic and Community
17 Affairs shall adopt rules to implement and administer this
18 section.

19 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
20 first day of the third month following its passage and
21 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.