

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 634

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND; AMENDING
2 SECTION 33-910, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
3 AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PRO-
4 VIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 33-910, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 33-910. BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND -- RULEMAK-
10 ING -- DEFINITIONS. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury a fund
11 to be known as the broadband infrastructure improvement grant fund. The fund
12 shall consist of moneys made available through legislative transfers or ap-
13 propriations, and from any other governmental source. Interest earned from
14 the investment of moneys in the fund shall be retained in the fund. Subject
15 to appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be expended by the state depart-
16 ~~ment of education~~ to invest in special construction projects for high-speed
17 broadband connections to E-rate eligible entities that receive E-rate fund-
18 ing.

19 (2) The state ~~department of education~~ board of education shall create
20 and make available a grant application form for moneys in the fund. The state
21 ~~department~~ board of education may determine eligibility qualifications and
22 applicant priority. Any E-rate eligible entity may apply to the state de-
23 partment for a grant from the fund for up to ten percent (10%) of the cost of
24 an eligible special construction project.

25 (3) The state board of education may promulgate rules to implement the
26 provisions of this section. Such rules shall be consistent with the federal
27 communications commission's second E-rate modernization order that pro-
28 vides for additional category one funding up to ten percent (10%) to match
29 state funding for special construction charges for high-speed broadband
30 connections.

31 (4) For the purposes of this section, "E-rate eligible entity" means
32 Idaho public schools grades K through 12, the Idaho digital learning acad-
33 emy, the Idaho department of juvenile corrections education programs, the
34 school for the deaf and the blind and the Idaho public libraries.

35 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
36 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
37 July 1, 2024.