SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2609

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RIGGS.

AN ACT

To repeal section 620.2453, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to applicants for grants to expand broadband internet access.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 620.2453, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu
2 thereof, to be known as section 620.2453, to read as follows:

620.2453. **1. An eligible applicant shall submit an application to the department of**
2 **economic development on a form prescribed by the department. An application for a grant**
3 **under sections 620.2450 to 620.2458 shall include the following information:**
4   **(1) A description of the project area;**
5   **(2) A description of the kind and amount of broadband internet infrastructure that is**
6 **proposed to be deployed;**
7   **(3) Evidence demonstrating the unserved or underserved nature of the project area;**
8   **(4) The number of households that would have new access to broadband internet**
9 **service, or whose broadband internet service would be upgraded, as a result of the grant;**
10   **(5) A list of significant community institutions that would benefit from the proposed**
11 **grant;**
12   **(6) The total cost of the proposal and the timeframe in which it will be completed;**
13   **(7) A list identifying sources of funding or in-kind contributions, including**
14 **government funding, that would supplement any awarded grant; and**
15   **(8) Any other information required by the department of economic development.**

16   **2.   For an application to be considered, an applicant shall provide the**
17 **department with data, in a format determined by the department, of where the**
18 **applicant currently provides broadband internet service in the state.**

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