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HOUSE BILL 293

Short Title: Supplementary GREAT Grant Clarifications. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Arp, McElraft, Bell, and Stevens (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Energy and Public Utilities, if favorable, Appropriations, if favorable, Rules,
Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 15, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES FOR THE SUPPLEMENTARY G.R.E.A.T.
GRANT PROCESS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. If House Bill 196, 2021 Regular Session, becomes law, then Section
3.3 of that act reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 3.3.(a)** Section 4.1 of S.L. 2021-1 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 4.1.(a)** There is transferred from the General Fund to the State Capital
and Infrastructure Fund, established pursuant to G.S. 143C-3-4.1, the sum of ~~thirty-nine~~
forty-five million dollars ~~(\$39,000,000)~~ (\$45,000,000) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

"**SECTION 4.1.(b)** There is appropriated from the State Capital and Infrastructure
Fund to the Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology Fund, established pursuant to
G.S. 143B-1373(b), the sum of ~~thirty-nine~~ forty-five million dollars ~~(\$39,000,000)~~ (\$45,000,000)
for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Of the funds appropriated in this section, ~~thirty-three~~ thirty-six million
dollars ~~(\$30,000,000)~~ (\$36,000,000) shall be distributed in the special supplementary grant
process established in Section 4.17 of S.L. 2020-4, as amended in this act. The remaining amount
shall be used to fund supplementary project grants previously ~~awarded~~ submitted and ranked for
awards. The funds appropriated in this section shall remain available until expended and shall
not revert. All grant awards shall be completed by the Department of Information Technology
on or before April 15, 2021.

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"**SECTION 3.3.(c)** Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, of the funds appropriated
to the Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology Fund in Section 4.1(b) of S.L.
2021-1, as amended by subsection (a) of this section, any unawarded funds remaining in the Fund
shall be used to award grants for broadband projects that were submitted and scored by the Office
of Broadband Infrastructure in accordance with the special supplementary grant process
established in Section 4.17 of S.L. 2020-4, as amended, but for which appropriated funds were
not previously available."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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