

SENATE BILL 2200

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7 and Title 65, relative to broadband Internet and related services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-59-303(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(2) "Broadband Internet service" means an asymmetrical connection to the Internet from a home computer with an expected download data transfer of at least one and one-half megabits per second (1.5 Mbps), or, after July 1, 2016, an expected download data transfer of at least twenty-five megabits per second (25 Mbps);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 65-5-111, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following as a new subsection (b):

(b) On or before July 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the authority shall prepare a report, using its existing resources, that lists the highest broadband Internet download speed that each holder of a state-issued certificate of franchise authority advertises to customers who are located in each county covered by each such provider's state-issued certificate of franchise authority. For purposes of this subsection, "state-issued certificate of franchise authority" means a certificate issued pursuant to the Competitive Cable and Video Services Act, compiled in title 7, chapter 59, part 3.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.