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H.B. No. 5191

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the supplemental appropriation and reductions in  
3 appropriation and giving direction and adjustment authority  
4 regarding appropriation for the development of a statewide  
5 broadband infrastructure for new transportation technology.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

8 SECTION 1.01 DEFINITION. In this Act, "ARPA fund" means  
9 money received by this state from the Coronavirus State Fiscal  
10 Recovery Fund (42 U.S.C. Section 802) established under the  
11 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2) and deposited  
12 to the credit of the Coronavirus Relief Fund No. 325.

13 ARTICLE 2. BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

14 SECTION 2.01 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION: BROADBAND  
15 INFRASTRUCTURE. (a) The amount of \$30,000,000 is appropriated  
16 from the ARPA fund to the comptroller of public accounts for the  
17 two-year period beginning on the effective date of this Act for  
18 immediate deposit to the Department of Transportation for the  
19 development and implementation of a statewide broadband  
20 infrastructure able to support new transportation technology and to  
21 enhance accessibility within the state.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.