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S.B. No. 2119

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the identification of areas supported by the broadband development program and a plan of the universal service fund.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 490I, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 490I.01051 to read as follows:

Sec. 490I.01051. MAP OF AREAS RECEIVING SUPPORT FOR BROADBAND AND CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES; REPORT. (a) The broadband development office and the Public Utility Commission of Texas shall jointly create, update annually, and publish on the comptroller's and commission's Internet websites a map that shows areas in this state that are:

(1) classified as eligible under Section 490I.0105;

(2) served by an eligible provider under Section 56.023, Utilities Code, that receives support for that purpose under a plan of the state universal service fund established under Section 56.021, Utilities Code; and

(3) described by both Subdivisions (1) and (2).

(b) Not later than December 1 of each year, the broadband development office and the Public Utility Commission of Texas shall submit a joint report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the legislature that shows the areas described by Subsection (a)(3) and recommendations for withdrawing in those areas support from a plan of the state

1 universal service fund established under Section 56.021, Utilities
2 Code, through a reasonable transition period.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.