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1 AN ACT

RELATING TO; AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 33, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 33-910, IDAHO CODE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 9, Title 33, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a  $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$ , to be known and designated as Section 33-910, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 33-910. BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND -- RULEMAK-ING. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury a fund to be known as the broadband infrastructure improvement grant fund. The fund shall consist of moneys made available through legislative transfers or appropriations, and from any other governmental source. Interest earned from the investment of moneys in the fund shall be retained in the fund. Moneys in the fund shall be expended by the state department of education to invest in special construction projects for high-speed broadband connections to eligible public school districts that receive E-rate funding.
- (2) The state department of education shall create and make available a grant application form for moneys in the fund. Any school district may apply to the state department for a grant from the fund for up to ten percent (10%) of the cost of an eligible special construction project. The state department may determine eligibility qualifications and applicant priority.
- (3) The state department shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. Such rules shall be consistent with the federal communications commission's second E-rate modernization order that provides for additional category one funding up to ten percent (10%) to match state funding for special construction charges for high-speed broadband connections.