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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require each broadband
9 service provider operating in the state to submit a
10 report containing its broadband network area
11 coverage map to the Alabama Department of Economic
12 and Community Affairs and would provide the
13 department with rulemaking authority relating to
14 the submission of those reports.

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16 A BILL
17 TO BE ENTITLED
18 AN ACT

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20 Relating to broadband service providers; to require
21 each broadband service provider to report its broadband
22 network area coverage map to the Alabama Department of
23 Economic and Community Affairs; and to provide rulemaking
24 authority.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. (a) (1) Beginning January 1, 2021, each
27 broadband service provider, as defined under Section 37-16-3,

1 Code of Alabama 1975, shall submit a report containing its
2 broadband network area coverage map to the Alabama Department
3 of Economic and Community Affairs.

4 (2) Not later than January 1 of each year, each
5 broadband service provider shall submit a supplemental report
6 to the department to reflect any changes in the broadband
7 service provider's coverage area.

8 (b) The Alabama Department of Economic and Community
9 Affairs may adopt rules for the creation and submission of the
10 report required under subsection (a) and may adopt rules to
11 implement and administer this section.

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
13 first day of the third month following its passage and
14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.