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2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 617

BY REPRESENTATIVE DESHOTEL

UTILITIES: Provides relative to broadband

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 51:2370.17, relative to broadband; to provide for Granting Unserved
3	Municipalities Broadband Opportunities 1.0; to provide for unobligated funds; to
4	authorize the promulgation of rules; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 51:2370.17 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
7	§2370.17. Unobligated funds
8	A. The office may use any unobligated funds from GUMBO 1.0 as of June
9	3, 2024, for eligible nonbroadband infrastructure project uses defined in the United
10	States Department of the Treasury document titled "Guidance for the Coronavirus
11	Capital Project Fund for States, Territories and Freely Associated States".
12	B. The office may promulgate necessary rules and scoring criteria for the use
13	of these funds.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to broadband.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the office of broadband and connectivity may use any unobligated funds from GUMBO 1.0 as of June 3, 2024, for eligible nonbroadband infrastructure project uses defined in the U.S. Treasury document titled "Guidance for the

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Coronavirus Capital Project Fund, for States, Territories and Freely Associated States". The office may promulgate rules and scoring criteria for these funds.

(Adds R.S. 51:2370.17)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Remove language allowing the office to provide the remaining of committed matching funds to local governments.
- 3. Give the office the authority to promulgate rules rather than require the office to promulgate rules.