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SB 80 Reengrossed

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Present law provides for the office of broadband development and connectivity.

Present law provides that the office may use up to 1% of the appropriated funds to administer the GUMBO program. Provides that the office may use an additional 1% of the appropriated funds to hire third-party contractors as deemed necessary for the further administration of the GUMBO program and provides that the additional 1% percent shall not be used as compensation for any new or existing positions within the office.

Proposed law increases the amount the office may use to administer the GUMBO 1.0 program from 1% to 2.5%.

Proposed law increases the amount the office may use to hire third-party contractors as deemed necessary for the further administration of the GUMBO 1.0 program from 1% to 2.5%.

Present law provides that, except as provided in present law, the next 10% of the GUMBO 2.0 subgrant award, after the initial 10%, shall be provided based on provider certification and the office's verification that 10% of the eligible locations have been reached. Provides that the remaining disbursements shall be given at the thresholds of completion of 35%, 60%, 85%, and 100%.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the office may withhold reimbursement for GUMBO 2.0 in certain circumstances.

Present law creates the GUMBO 3.0 program.

Proposed law provides for grants administered under the GUMBO 3.0 program and clarifies that the rules for GUMBO 3.0 will be promulgated after the NTIA releases non-deployment guidance.

Present law creates the GUMBO 4.0 program.

Proposed law repeals the GUMBO 4.0 program.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 51:2370.13, 2370.32(B), and 2370.41; Repeals R.S. 51:2370.51)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Remove the oversight and enforcement authority by the office of broadband development and connectivity.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Correctly change the name from the United States Department of Commerce for Communications and Information to the National Telecommunications

and Information Administration of the United States Department of Commerce.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Make technical changes.
2. Clarify that the administrative fees outlined in proposed law apply only to GUMBO 1.0.
3. Revert the reimbursement process for grantees in GUMBO 1.0 to present law.
4. Revert the GUMBO 2.0 reimbursement process to present law and add that the office may withhold reimbursement for GUMBO 2.0 in certain circumstances.
5. Clarify that the rules for GUMBO 3.0 will be promulgated after the NTIA releases non-deployment guidance.
6. Repeal GUMBO 4.0 in its entirety.