

The House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications offers the following substitute to HB 520:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 40 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding promotion and deployment of broadband services,
3 so as to revise a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 40 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions regarding promotion and deployment of broadband services, is amended
9 by revising paragraph (2) of Code Section 50-40-1, relating to definitions, as follows:

10 "(2) 'Broadband services' means a wired or wireless ~~terrestrial~~ service that consists of the
11 capability to transmit at a rate of not less than 25 megabits per second in the downstream
12 direction and at least 3 megabits per second in the upstream direction to end users and in
13 combination with such service provides:

14 (A) Access to the ~~Internet~~ internet; or

15 (B) Computer processing, information storage, or protocol conversion."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2022.

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.