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S.P. 498

In Senate, April 16, 2019

An Act To Encourage the Development of Broadband Coverage in Rural Maine

Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham and
Senators: LAWRENCE of York, MIRAMANT of Knox, Representatives: CAIAZZO of
Scarborough, DOUDERA of Camden, GROHOSKI of Ellsworth, KESSLER of South
Portland, RILEY of Jay, RYKERSON of Kittery.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 1 2 **CONCEPT DRAFT SUMMARY** 3 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208. 4 5 This bill proposes to establish the Maine Broadband Initiative to encourage, promote, stimulate, invest in and support universal high-speed broadband to unserved and 6 underserved areas of the State. The bill would also establish the Maine Broadband 7 Initiative Fund to provide ongoing funding for high-speed broadband through funding 8 sources that would be identified in the bill. 9