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House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

An Act To Fund the Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HIGGINS of Dover-Foxcroft.
Cosponsored by Senator BELLOWS of Kennebec and
Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BERRY of Bowdoinham, DODGE of
Belfast, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PLUECKER of Warren, RISEMAN of Harrison,
SKOLFIELD of Weld, Senator: WOODSOME of York.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **CONNECTME AUTHORITY**

5 **Municipal Gigabit Broadband Network Access Fund Z196**

6 Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation to the Municipal Gigabit Broadband
7 Network Access Fund to be used for grants to municipalities for high-speed broadband
8 infrastructure development and improvement.

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10	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
11	All Other	\$10,000,000	\$0
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13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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SUMMARY

15 This bill provides funds to the ConnectME Authority to be used to provide grants to
16 municipalities for high-speed broadband infrastructure development and improvement.