

SENATE BILL No. 668

By Committee on Ways and Means

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9 N ACT concerning the Kansas technology enterprise corporation; estab-
10 lishing the Kansas broadband initiative and the rural broadband grants
11 program; making appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30,
12 2009.

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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. (a) The Kansas technology enterprise corporation shall es-
16 tablish the Kansas broadband initiative which shall be designed to stim-
17 ulate and expand broadband investment and use, raise awareness about
18 the value of broadband and encourage public and private investment in
19 rural broadband capacity. The Kansas broadband initiative shall expand
20 the use of broadband technology, increase the potential to retain jobs in
21 rural Kansas, grow new markets for business, strengthen health care, en-
22 hance educational access and improve the Kansas quality of life.

23 (b) There is hereby established the Kansas broadband initiative board
24 of directors composed of 12 members appointed as follows: (1) Three
25 members of the board shall be appointed by the governor; (2) three mem-
26 bers shall be appointed by the board of directors of the Kansas technology
27 enterprise corporation; (3) two members who are members of the house
28 of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representa-
29 tives; (4) two members who are senators appointed by the president of
30 the senate; (5) one member who is a member of the house of represen-
31 tatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;
32 and (6) one member who is a senator appointed by the minority leader
33 of the senate.

34 (c) The Kansas broadband initiative board of directors shall implement
35 and administer the Kansas broadband initiative. The board of directors
36 shall annually elect one member as chairperson and one member as vice-
37 chairperson. The board shall hold at least four meetings each year in the
38 state for the transaction of such business as may legally come before it.

39 (d) Vacancies occurring on the board other than by expiration of term
40 shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original
41 appointment was made.

42 (e) Members of the board attending meetings of such board, or at-
43 tending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by such board, shall

1 be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other ex-
2 penses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

3 (f) The Kansas broadband board of directors shall establish and ad-
4 minister the rural broadband grant program which is hereby established
5 to support locally-led education and outreach efforts aimed at bringing
6 the benefits of broadband to rural households and businesses.

7 (g) The rural broadband grant program shall be operated to carry out
8 the purpose of this act by awarding grants to local community institutions
9 to finance and facilitate workshops in order to develop strategies to apply
10 rapid deployment of advanced communication. Grantees shall be either
11 governmental entities or not-for-profit organizations. Each grant shall re-
12 quire a \$1 for \$1 match on a cash basis from non-state sources. In-kind
13 contributions are encouraged as an indication of organizational support
14 for the project proposed.

15 Sec. 2.

16 KANSAS TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE CORPORATION

17 (a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the state economic
18 development initiatives fund for the fiscal year or years specified, the
19 following:

20 Rural broadband grants — operating expenses
21 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009..... \$50,000
22 *Provided*, That any unencumbered balance in the rural broadband grants
23 — operating expenses account, the rural broadband grants — preliminary
24 grants account and the rural broadband grants — base grants account as
25 of June 30, 2009, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2010.

26 Rural broadband grants — preliminary grants
27 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009..... \$150,000
28 *Provided*, That any unencumbered balance in the rural broadband grants
29 — operating expenses account, the rural broadband grants — preliminary
30 grants account and the rural broadband grants — base grants account as
31 of June 30, 2009, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2010.

32 Rural broadband grants — base grants
33 For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009..... \$400,000
34 *Provided*, That any unencumbered balance in the rural broadband grants
35 — operating expenses account, the rural broadband grants — preliminary
36 grants account and the rural broadband grants — base grants account as
37 of June 30, 2009, is hereby reappropriated for fiscal year 2010.

38 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
39 publication in the statute book.