



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4379

Introduced 1/4/2006, by Rep. Carolyn H. Krause

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 3501/825-85 new
30 ILCS 105/5.663 new

Requires the Illinois Finance Authority to establish and maintain a program to offer low-interest loans to businesses seeking greater broadband Internet access. Provides that these loans may be used to purchase any broadband infrastructure that is required to provide high-speed Internet access. Provides that the moneys for loans shall be maintained in and paid out of the the Broadband Internet Access Revolving Loan Fund, a special fund established in the State treasury. Provides that no business may receive an aggregate amount of more than \$250,000 in loans and that all loans must be repaid within 5 years. Requires the Authority to adopt necessary rules. Authorizes the Authority to require a lien or other security as a condition for making a loan under the program. Amends the State Finance Act to create the Broadband Internet Access Revolving Loan Fund. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning economic development.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Finance Authority Act is amended by
5 adding Section 825-85 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3501/825-85 new)

7 Sec. 825-85. Loans for broadband Internet access.

8 (a) The Authority must establish and maintain a program to
9 offer low-interest loans to businesses seeking greater
10 broadband Internet access. Loans made under this program may be
11 used by businesses to purchase any broadband infrastructure
12 that is required to provide high-speed Internet access.

13 (b) The moneys for loans under this Section shall be
14 maintained in and, subject to appropriation, paid out of the
15 the Broadband Internet Access Revolving Loan Fund, a special
16 fund established in the State treasury. The Fund shall consist
17 of any moneys that the State may from time to time appropriate
18 or transfer to the Fund, as well as any donations, gifts,
19 bequests, and any other moneys from any public or private
20 source. All interest earned on moneys in the Fund and all
21 payments received on loans made under the program must be
22 deposited into the Fund. The Fund may not be used for any
23 purpose other than the purposes set forth in this Section.

24 (c) No business may receive loans exceeding, in an
25 aggregate amount, \$250,000, and the term for the repayment of
26 any loan under this program may not exceed 5 years. The
27 Authority may require a lien or other security as a condition
28 for making a loan under this Section.

29 (d) The Authority must adopt any rules necessary to
30 implement and administer this Section.

31 Section 10. The State Finance Act is amended by adding

1 Section 5.663 as follows:

2 (30 ILCS 105/5.663 new)

3 Sec. 5.663. The Broadband Internet Access Revolving Loan
4 Fund.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
6 becoming law.