

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 181

2 INTRODUCED BY K. ZOLNIKOV

3 BY REQUEST OF THE ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TEMPORARILY REDIRECTING AND STATUTORILY
6 APPROPRIATING TECHNOLOGY FUNDING TO E-RATE BROADBAND MATCHING FUNDS; PROVIDING
7 AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-534, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AN
8 APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:11
12 **Section 1.** Section 20-9-534, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"20-9-534. Statutory appropriation for school technology purposes.** (1) The amount of \$1 million
14 a year is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, from the school facility and technology account
15 established in 20-9-516 ~~for grants for school technology purposes to the office of public instruction for providing~~
16 funds for schools to use as state matching funds for special construction under the federal e-rate broadband
17 program pursuant to 47 CFR 54.505, provided that none of the state matching funds may be used by schools
18 for self-construction of their own or portions of their own networks.

19 ~~(2) By the third Friday in July, the superintendent of public instruction shall allocate the annual~~
20 ~~statutory appropriation for school technology purposes to each district based on the ratio that each district's~~
21 ~~BASE budget bears to the statewide BASE budget amount for all school districts multiplied by the amount of~~
22 ~~money provided in 20-9-343 for the purposes of 20-9-533."~~

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24 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2021.25
26 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to school fiscal years beginning on our
27 after July 1, 2021.

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