

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2411

Sponsors: Representatives Faison and Bryant (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Public Utilities, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

May 26, 2008

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONVENING OF THE E-NC
2 AUTHORITY'S DIGITAL BROADBAND SUMMITS.

3 Whereas, the e-NC Authority is a State authority, established by the N.C.
4 General Assembly in 2000, and the e-NC Authority has worked to bring high-speed
5 Internet access to the rural areas of North Carolina as well as the distressed urban areas
6 of the State; and

7 Whereas, on average, 83% of North Carolina households have the ability to
8 access and purchase high-speed Internet services if they so desire; and

9 Whereas, almost 17% of households in North Carolina have no access to
10 high-speed Internet; and

11 Whereas, a higher level of bandwidth and faster speeds of transmission will
12 be needed in the future; and

13 Whereas, in fall 2008, the citizens of the State will have an opportunity
14 through eight statewide Digital Broadband Summits to bring forth their ideas and
15 desires for a new vision of digital broadband inclusion for North Carolina citizens and
16 businesses; and

17 Whereas, the findings from the eight summits may include digital inclusion
18 metrics relative to broadband deployment, digital literacy of citizens, digital uptake
19 rates, ways to provide the incentives for deployment of broadband, and new ideas for
20 assisting in subscription up-take for citizens; and

21 Whereas, the e-NC Authority will report back and provide recommendations
22 to the House Select Committee on High-Speed Internet in Rural Areas and the General
23 Assembly on the findings from the regional sessions to be held across North Carolina;
24 Now, therefore,

25 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

26 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives supports the efforts of the e-NC
27 Authority to hold at least eight Digital Broadband Summits across North Carolina in the
28 fall of 2008. The House of Representatives looks forward to the receipt of the findings
29 and recommendations of the e-NC Authority resulting from these summits. The House

1 Select Committee on High-Speed Internet in Rural Areas shall give consideration to
2 these findings and to a proposed broadband Internet plan for the citizens and businesses
3 of North Carolina in order to take full advantage of this 21st century economic
4 development and knowledge tool.

5 **SECTION 2.** The members of the N.C. House of Representatives are
6 encouraged to participate in the Digital Broadband Summits that will take place in their
7 area.

8 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.