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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NET EQUALITY PROGRAM.

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

### ***Explanation***

The bill requires the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) to develop and administer the Net Equality Program to provide affordable broadband Internet to eligible families receiving certain government assistance. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as OCC has the staff and expertise necessary to administer the program.

### ***Rate Payer Impact***

Broadband Internet access service providers are not regulated utilities, as their costs are driven by market dynamics rather than the cost-of-service regulations. Therefore, there is no direct rate payer impact associated with the bill.

### ***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None