



2015 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.155 (3) (r) and 196.504 (2) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 funding for broadband expansion grants and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows the Public Service Commission to make a total of \$10,000,000 in broadband expansion grants during fiscal years 2015–16 and 2016–17. Under current law, the PSC makes the grants to eligible applicants for the purpose of constructing broadband infrastructure in underserved areas. Current law provides \$6,000,000 in funding for the grants, but prohibits the PSC from making more than \$1,500,000 in grants in a fiscal year. This bill increases the amount of funding to \$10,000,000 and allows the PSC to make the grants in fiscal years 2015–16 and 2016–17. If the PSC makes less than \$10,000,000 in grants in those fiscal years, the amount remaining lapses to the general fund.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.155 (3) (r) of the statutes, as created by 2015 Wisconsin Act 55,
4 is amended to read:

