

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 593  
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/1/11**

Short Title: Allow County Grants for Broadband.

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April 5, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE NASH COUNTY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PROMOTE  
2 BROADBAND IN UNSERVED AREAS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
3 COUNTY.  
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** A county may provide grants to unaffiliated providers of high-speed  
7 Internet broadband for the purpose of expanding service in unserved areas for economic  
8 development in the county. The grants shall be awarded on a technology neutral basis, shall be  
9 open to qualified applicants, and may require matching funds by the private provider. The  
10 county shall use only unrestricted general fund revenue for the grants.

11 **SECTION 2.** Nothing in this act authorizes a county to provide high-speed Internet  
12 broadband service.

13 **SECTION 3.** This act applies only to Nash County.

14 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

