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HOUSE BILL 101

Short Title: Broadband Parity for Counties & Cities. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives K. Alexander, Bryant, and Faison (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Commerce and Job Development, if favorable, Public Utilities.

February 16, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTIES HAVE THE SAME AUTHORITY AS CITIES TO
ENGAGE IN PUBLIC ENTERPRISES RELATED TO CABLE TELEVISION
SYSTEMS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HIGH-
SPEED INTERNET ACCESS IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 15 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by
adding a new section to read:

"§ 153A-274.1. Cable television systems.

(a) The term 'city' as used in Article 16 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes shall
be deemed to include a county, to the end that counties may exercise the same powers as cities
with respect to the acquisition, construction, establishment, enlargement, improvement,
maintenance, ownership, operation, and contracting for the operation of cable television
systems as authorized by G.S. 160A-311(7).

(b) References to a 'city' or 'municipality' in G.S. 40A-3, 40A-42, 132-1.1, 160A-199,
160A-209, and 160A-319 that relate to cable television systems are deemed also to refer to a
county."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2011.

