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In the 2020 legislative session, at least 500 bills are pending that address broadband. Unfortunately, we cannot say that there is a single solution that will solve the broadband deployment question as no state has 100% deployment. Since we don't have time to discuss all the legislation, I wanted to highlight information on the rural and underserved bills.

At least 37 states and Puerto Rico have bills addressing rural and underserved issues. The number of states introducing these bills demonstrates that expanding broadband availability continues to be a priority for states, even before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The states highlighted in the darker orange color have broadband legislation in direct response to the pandemic. North Carolina appropriated \$1 million to install extended reach mobile WiFi gateway router devices in school buses and \$11 million to provide community and home mobile Internet access points to improve Internet connectivity for students. These funds shall be used only for the purchase of devices and not for subscription services. New Jersey adopted a resolution urging the FCC

Questions?

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