



Massachusetts Signs New Broadband Law

Aimed at helping 95 communities with little or no broadband...

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Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick this week signed legislation that would, with the help of \$40 million in bonds, bring broadband services into the un-served portions of the state. A recent study showed that while Verizon or Comcast (often only one or the other) serve 90% of the state, there are still 32 towns where no providers offer broadband Internet access. An additional 63 municipalities have incomplete coverage. The bill would create a "Massachusetts Broadband Institute", within the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, tasked with procuring Federal and private funds for broadband expansion.