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H.347 An Act Relating to the State Telecommunications Plan

As amended by the Senate Committee on Finance

The sections of this proposal with a fiscal impact are in Sec. 2 which allows the Department to award not more than \$100,000 in grants from the Vermont Universal Service Fund (VUSF) for the Cellular Connectivity Initiative and the changes in Sec. 4 which modify the eligibility criteria for the Vermont Lifeline benefit program that is also paid from the VUSF. The revenue into the VUSF is from a 2.0% charge on retail telephone services which in FY 2017 was just over \$5.87 million. This bill redistributes the uses of the USF funding.