



State Connections

The broadband working group for state legislators

Third Friday of Every Month

12:00 ET / 11:00 CT / 10:00 MT / 9:00 PT

September 2026

Agenda

Recording meeting

Updates from Leadership - Reps. Louis Riggs (MO-5) & Matt Pierce (IN-61)

New BEAD “Cleanup” Funding Round Announced - Greg Guice, Chief Policy Officer, Vernonburg Group

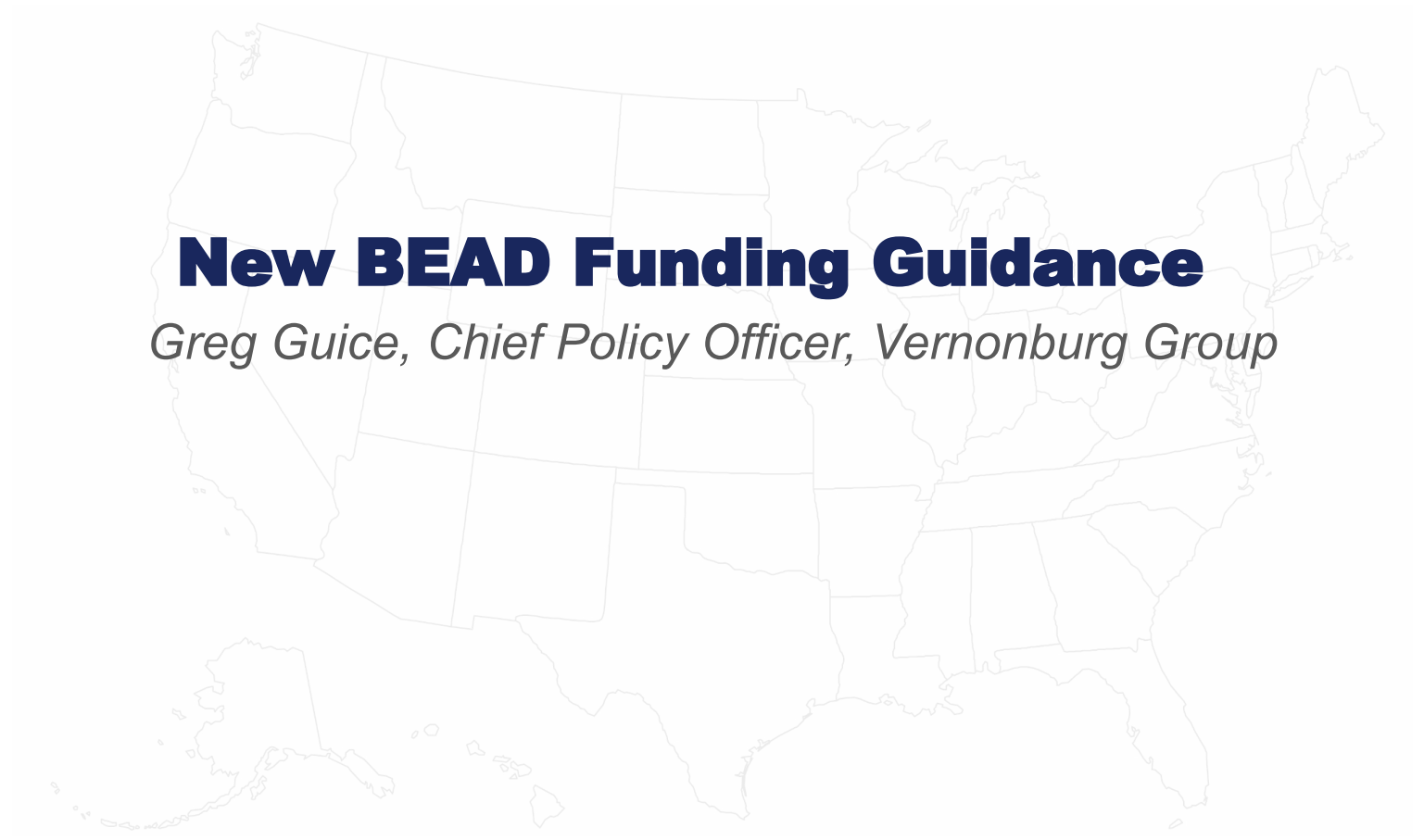
Proposed Changes to the FCC’s E-Rate Program - Del. Jared Solomon (MD-18)

Legislative Highlights from Around the Country - Jake Varn, Officer, Broadband Access Initiative, The Pew Charitable Trusts



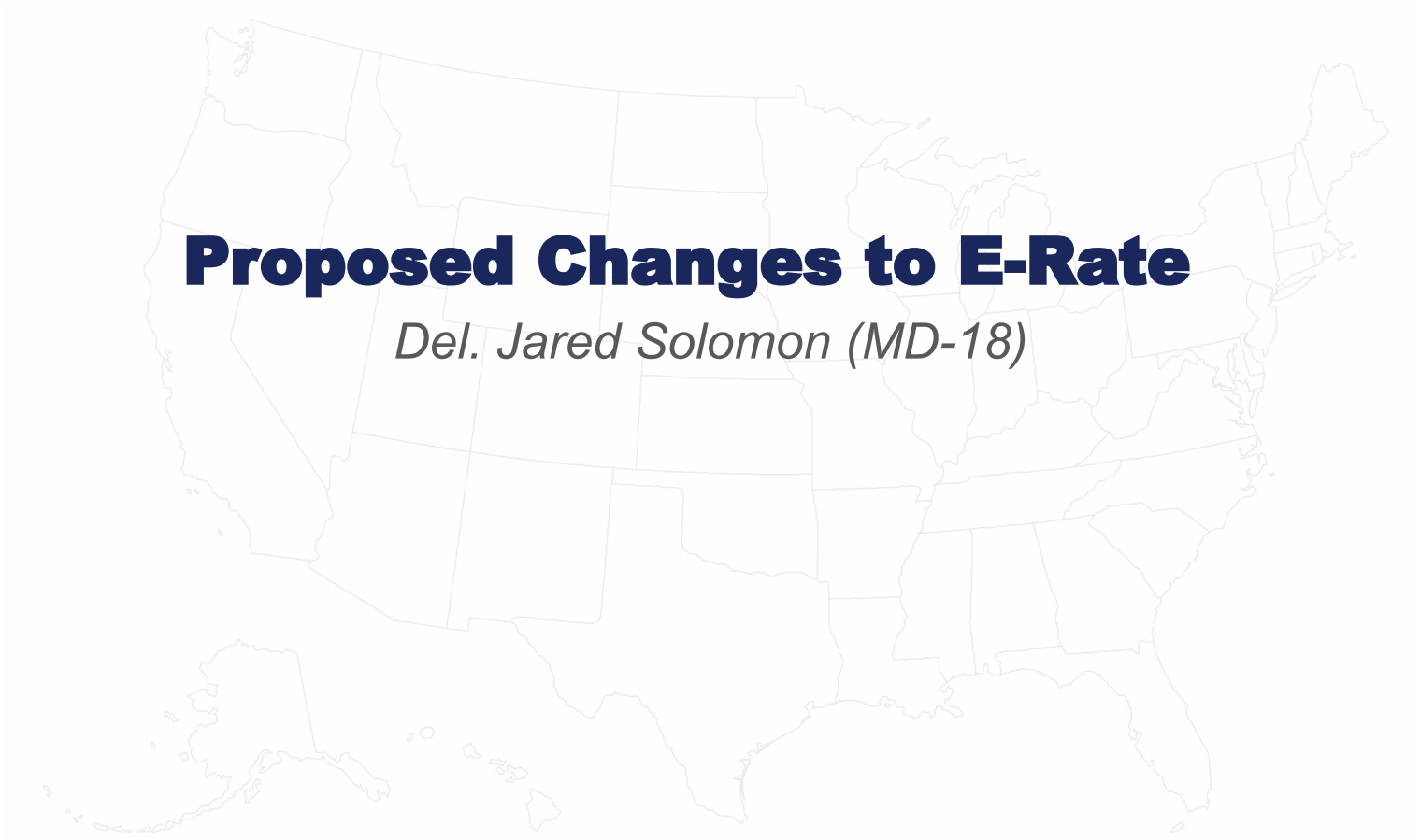
Updates from State Connections Leadership

Reps. Louis Riggs (MO-5) & Matt Pierce (IN-61)

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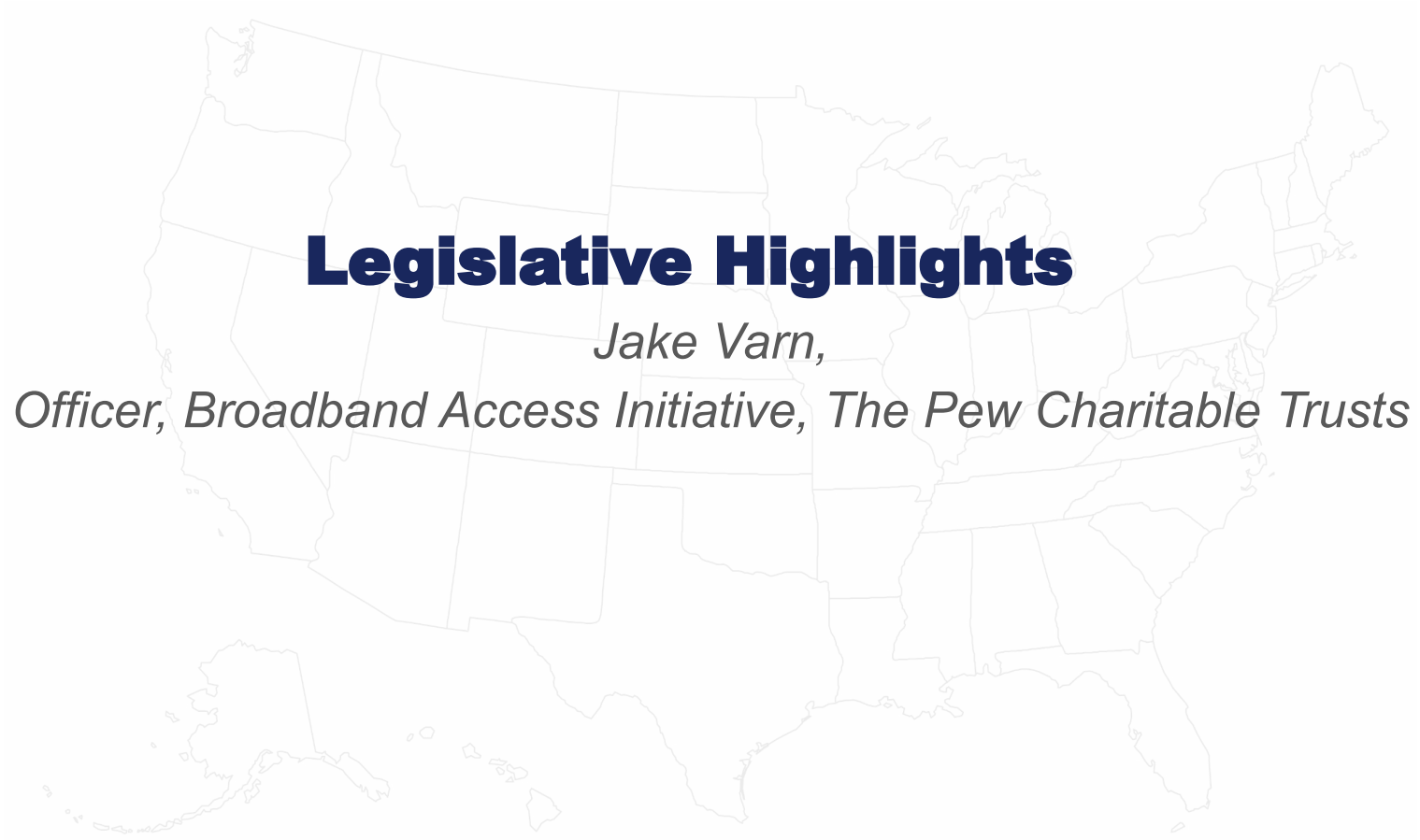
New BEAD Funding Guidance

Greg Guice, Chief Policy Officer, Vernonburg Group



Proposed Changes to E-Rate

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Legislative Highlights

Jake Varn,

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State Connections Advisory Committee

Starting in January 2027, State Connections will form an advisory committee of state legislators to help shape our priorities and programming.

Participation details:

- Quarterly committee meetings — members will be expected to attend at least 2 per year.
- Monthly State Connections meetings — members of the advisory committee will be expected to attend at least 6 monthly State Connections meetings per year. This can be fulfilled by legislative staff.

Thank you to all who expressed interest. We will be sharing bylaws for State Connections and the advisory committee soon.

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Next Meeting

October 16, 2026

12:00 ET / 11:00 CT / 10:00 MT / 9:00 PT

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