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Digital Equity Act of 2019

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 11, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7302	Related bill	**Jun 25, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 HR 4486	Related bill	**Sep 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Summary (as of Apr 11, 2019)

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This bill requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to establish grant programs for (1) promoting digital equity, (2) supporting digital inclusion activities, and (3) building capacity for state-led efforts to increase adoption of broadband by their residents.

Specifically, the bill establishes the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program to make distributions to states based on their populations, demographics, and availability and adoption of broadband. The bill also establishes the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program for supporting efforts to achieve digital equity, promote digital inclusion, and stimulate adoption of broadband.

Actions Timeline

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