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Emergency Educational Connections Act of 2020

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (45 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 12, 2020
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		May 12, 2020
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Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		May 12, 2020
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Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		May 12, 2020
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		May 12, 2020
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		May 12, 2020
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		May 12, 2020
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		May 12, 2020
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		May 12, 2020
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		May 12, 2020
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 12, 2020
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		May 12, 2020
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 12, 2020
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		May 12, 2020
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 12, 2020
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		May 12, 2020
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		May 12, 2020
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		May 12, 2020
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Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		May 12, 2020
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 12, 2020
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		May 12, 2020
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		May 12, 2020
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 12, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 12, 2020
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 12, 2020
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 12, 2020
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		May 12, 2020
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		May 12, 2020
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		May 12, 2020

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Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 12, 2020
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		May 12, 2020
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		May 12, 2020
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Sep 15, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 12, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6800	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.
116 S 4131	Related bill	Jul 1, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 S 4112	Related bill	Jun 30, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 6563	Related bill	May 5, 2020: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E425)

Summary (as of May 12, 2020)

Emergency Educational Connections Act of 2020

This bill establishes and provides funding for the Emergency Connectivity Fund, from which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must provide support for certain schools or libraries to purchase specified telecommunications equipment during the public health emergency declared because of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, the FCC shall provide funds to certain elementary schools, secondary schools, or libraries to purchase telecommunications equipment or services (e.g., Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, and routers) for use by students, staff, or patrons at locations that include locations other than the schools or libraries. Priority must be given to students, staff, or patrons who do not have access to such equipment or services.

Following the emergency period, funding recipients are authorized to use purchased equipment for appropriate purposes but may not sell or transfer such equipment for anything of value, except for upgraded equipment of the same type.

Actions Timeline

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