

S 4131

Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Jul 1, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]

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

Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Jul 1, 2020
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 1, 2020
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 1, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 1, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 1, 2020
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Jul 1, 2020
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Jul 1, 2020
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jul 1, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 1, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1046	Related bill	Oct 1, 2020: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 567.
116 HR 8427	Related bill	Sep 29, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 HR 7302	Related bill	Jun 25, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 HR 7205	Related bill	Jun 16, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 HR 6814	Related bill	May 12, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
116 S 3690	Related bill	May 12, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 S 3701	Related bill	May 12, 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)
116 S 2344	Related bill	Jul 30, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 3278	Related bill	Jun 14, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
116 HR 2785	Related bill	May 17, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
116 HR 1328	Related bill	May 9, 2019: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 HR 1693	Related bill	Mar 13, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
116 S 738	Related bill	Mar 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1794; text: CR S1794)

Summary (as of Jul 1, 2020)

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This bill establishes measures related to expanding broadband infrastructure and access in unserved and underserved communities.

The bill creates the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, and it provides funding for programs that (1) promote digital equity and broadband capacity building, (2) provide discounts on broadband service for low-income consumers, and (3) subsidize internet services for schools and libraries. The bill establishes specified transparency requirements, such as making federal broadband data available to local governments. It also requires the Federal Communications Commission to expand broadband access for unserved and underserved communities and make the provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses eligible for support under the E-Rate program.

Actions Timeline

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