

## S 4472

### Ensuring Network Security Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

**Introduced:** Aug 6, 2020

**Current Status:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 640.

**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 640. (Dec 15, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/4472>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Johnson, Ron [R-WI]	R · WI		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Sep 10, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 16, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8000	Identical bill	<b>Aug 11, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

## **Ensuring Network Security Act**

This bill expands eligibility and establishes distribution priority for funds provided under the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program. The program reimburses providers of advanced communications service for costs associated with replacing communications equipment or services that pose a threat to national security.

Specifically, the bill increases from 2 million to 10 million the number of customers that an eligible provider may serve. Further, the bill establishes priority for the allocation of reimbursement funds to applicants, providing that such funds shall be distributed first to applicants that have 2 million or fewer customers; subsequently, to applicants that are accredited public or private noncommercial educational institutions providing their own facilities-based education broadband service; and finally, to any remaining approved applicants.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Dec 15, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Dec 15, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 640.
- **Nov 18, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Aug 6, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **Aug 6, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.