

HR 4486

Digital Equity Act of 2019

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 26, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 5065	Related bill	Dec 18, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text: CR S7713-7806)
116 HR 7302	Related bill	Jun 25, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
116 S 1167	Related bill	Apr 11, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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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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