

## S 4515

ACCESS the Internet Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Aug 6, 2020

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Appropriations. (Aug 6, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]

**Party:** Independent • **State:** WV • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Aug 6, 2020
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Sep 17, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	Senate	Referred To	Aug 6, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4285	Related bill	<b>Jul 22, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Accelerating Connected Care and Education Support Services on the Internet Act or the ACCESS the Internet Act**

This bill provides funding to support distance learning and connected care in response to COVID-19.

Specifically, the bill provides funds for (1) elementary and secondary school emergency relief grants to purchase internet-connected devices and associated services that support distance learning, (2) a pilot program to award grants for the purchase and distribution of internet-connected devices for libraries in rural and low-income areas, (3) the COVID-19 Telehealth Program of the Federal Communications Commission, and (4) the furnishing of internet-connected devices and associated services to veterans for accessing telehealth services.

### **Actions Timeline**

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