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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

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

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Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Aug 6, 2020
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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	Jul 22, 2020: 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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