

HR 4998

Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Nov 8, 2019

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Law: 116-124 (Enacted Mar 12, 2020)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/4998>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2] | R · KY | | Nov 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6] | D · CA | | Nov 8, 2019 |
| Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2] | R · OR | | Nov 8, 2019 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Reported by | Nov 14, 2019 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 116 HR 4461 | Related bill | Nov 20, 2019: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote. |
| 116 HR 4973 | Related bill | Nov 4, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. |
| 116 HR 4459 | Text similarities | Sep 27, 2019: Subcommittee Hearings Held. |

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This bill establishes (1) a mechanism to prevent communications equipment or services that pose a national security risk from entering U.S. networks, and (2) a program to remove any such equipment or services currently used in U.S. networks.

Specifically, the bill prohibits the use of certain federal funds to obtain communications equipment or services from a company that poses a national security risk to U.S. communications networks. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must publish and maintain a list of such equipment or services.

Each communications provider must submit an annual report to the FCC regarding whether it has purchased, rented, leased, or otherwise obtained any prohibited equipment and, if so, provide a detailed justification for such action.

The bill also establishes the Secure and Trusted Communications Networks Reimbursement Program to supply small communications providers (i.e., providers with 2 million or fewer customers) with funds to offset the cost of removing prohibited equipment or services from their networks and replacing it with more secure communications equipment or services.

In addition, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration must establish a program to share information regarding supply chain security risks with trusted communications providers and suppliers.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 12, 2020:** Signed by President.
- **Mar 12, 2020:** Became Public Law No: 116-124.
- **Mar 3, 2020:** Presented to President.
- **Feb 27, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 27, 2020:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S1236)
- **Feb 27, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 17, 2019:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Mr. Doyle, Michael F. moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-352.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 281.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H10282-10286)
- **Dec 16, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4998.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H10282-10285)
- **Dec 16, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H10282-10285)
- **Dec 16, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 16, 2019:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 20, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Nov 14, 2019:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Nov 14, 2019:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Nov 12, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Nov 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 8, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.