

HR 5243

Closing the Homework Gap Through Mobile Hotspots Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 21, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 22, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 21, 2019)

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This bill requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to establish the Mobile Hotspot Grant Program.

Under the program, the NTIA may provide grants to eligible institutions (e.g., elementary and secondary schools, universities, Indian Tribes, or libraries) to facilitate a mobile hotspot program that provides students with a portable hotspot device for connecting to the internet. The NTIA shall prioritize institutions that will provide hotspots to the highest number of low-income students and, to the extent practicable, shall disburse at least 5% of grant funds to Indian Tribes and 5% to U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 22, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Nov 21, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 21, 2019:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1485)
- **Nov 21, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.