

## HR 6563

Emergency Educational Connections Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Latest Action:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E425) (May 5, 2020)

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]

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

**Cosponsors** (99 total)

<b>Cosponsor</b>	<b>Party / State</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Joined</b>
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]	D · MA		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Apr 22, 2020
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Apr 23, 2020
Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Apr 28, 2020
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		May 1, 2020
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		May 1, 2020
Rep. Costa, Jim [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		May 1, 2020
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		May 1, 2020
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		May 1, 2020
Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		May 1, 2020
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		May 1, 2020
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		May 1, 2020
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 1, 2020

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Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 1, 2020
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		May 1, 2020
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		May 1, 2020
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		May 1, 2020
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		May 1, 2020
Rep. Adams, Alma S. [D-NC-12]	D · NC		May 5, 2020
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		May 5, 2020
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		May 5, 2020
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		May 5, 2020
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		May 5, 2020
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		May 5, 2020
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 5, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		May 5, 2020
Rep. Trahan, Lori [D-MA-3]	D · MA		May 5, 2020
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		May 8, 2020
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		May 8, 2020
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		May 8, 2020
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		May 8, 2020
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 8, 2020
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Loeb sack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		May 8, 2020
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		May 8, 2020
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		May 8, 2020
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		May 8, 2020
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		May 8, 2020
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		May 8, 2020
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		May 8, 2020
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		May 13, 2020
Rep. Butterfield, G. K. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		May 13, 2020
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		May 13, 2020
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		May 13, 2020
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		May 13, 2020

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Rep. McNerney, Jerry [D-CA-9]	D · CA		May 13, 2020
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		May 13, 2020
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		May 19, 2020
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		May 19, 2020
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		May 19, 2020
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		May 19, 2020
Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]	D · IA		May 22, 2020
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jul 27, 2020
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Sep 16, 2020
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Nov 12, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 21, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6800	Related bill	<b>Jul 23, 2020:</b> Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.
116 S 4131	Related bill	<b>Jul 1, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
116 S 4112	Related bill	<b>Jun 30, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 S 3690	Related bill	<b>May 12, 2020:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Emergency Educational Connections Act of 2020**

This bill establishes and provides funding for the Emergency Connectivity Fund, from which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must provide support for certain schools or libraries to purchase specified telecommunications equipment during the public health emergency declared because of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, the FCC shall provide funds to certain elementary schools, secondary schools, or libraries to purchase telecommunications equipment or services (e.g., Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, and routers) for use by students, staff, or patrons at locations that include locations other than the schools or libraries. Priority must be given to students, staff, or patrons who do not have access to such equipment or services.

Following the emergency period, funding recipients are authorized to use purchased equipment for appropriate purposes but may not sell or transfer such equipment for anything of value, except for upgraded equipment of the same type.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **May 5, 2020:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E425)
- **Apr 21, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 21, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.