

HR 6744

Computer and Internet Equity Act

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Chamber: House

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 8, 2020
Rep. Clay, Wm. Lacy [D-MO-1]	D · MO		May 8, 2020
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		May 8, 2020
Rep. Fudge, Marcia L. [D-OH-11]	D · OH		May 8, 2020
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		May 8, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	D · GA		May 8, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		May 8, 2020
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		May 14, 2020
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		May 14, 2020
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Jun 26, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 8, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 8, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3924	Related bill	Jun 9, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text: CR S2809-2810)

Summary (as of May 8, 2020)

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This bill increases broadband service support for low-income consumers, establishes a grant program to provide internet safety education or training, and provides a tax credit for certain computer and education costs.

Specifically, the bill modifies the broadband service support program known as Lifeline, which assists low-income consumers with access to telecommunications and broadband services, to (1) give an additional \$1,000 to a provider of Lifeline services for each low-income consumer to whom the provider supplies such services, (2) allow consumers with household incomes that are at or below 435% (currently 135%) of the Federal Poverty Guidelines to qualify for participation in the program, and (3) allow a broadband service provider to receive Lifeline support for providing such service to a low-income consumer without being designated an eligible telecommunications carrier.

The bill also requires the Federal Communications Commission to establish a grant program to develop and implement internet safety education or training programs for low-income individuals.

Further, the bill provides a tax credit, not to exceed \$2,000 in a taxable year or \$10,000 in a lifetime, for amounts paid or incurred for technology such as computers and printers and for education on how to use such technology.

Actions Timeline

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