

## HR 1032

Telecommunications Skilled Workforce Act

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Feb 12, 2021)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2021
Rep. Pence, Greg [R-IN-6]	R · IN		Feb 22, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Apr 4, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 11, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 12, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3684	Related bill	<b>Aug 4, 2022:</b> Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.
117 S 163	Identical bill	<b>Feb 15, 2022:</b> By Senator Cantwell from Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation filed written report. Report No. 117-75.

## **Telecommunications Skilled Workforce Act**

This bill establishes measures to address the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry.

Specifically, the bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish an interagency working group to develop recommendations for addressing these workforce needs.

The FCC must also establish and issue guidance on how states can meet the workforce needs of the telecommunications industry, including guidance on how a state workforce development board can (1) utilize federal resources available to meet telecommunications industry workforce needs; and (2) promote and improve recruitment in qualified industry-led workforce development programs, including the Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program.

The Government Accountability Office must submit to Congress a report that estimates the number of skilled telecommunications workers that will be required to build and maintain (1) broadband infrastructure in rural areas, and (2) the 5G wireless infrastructure needed to support 5G wireless technology.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Feb 12, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Feb 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 11, 2021:** 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.