# S 1102

Promoting Access to Broadband Act of 2021

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

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

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| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Apr 13, 2021 |
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| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA] | D · WA | | Apr 13, 2021 |
| Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT] | I · VT | | Apr 13, 2021 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate | Referred To | Apr 13, 2021 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

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## Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 2524 | Identical bill | **Apr 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. |

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This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish a grant program to provide states with resources to inform their residents who are Medicaid enrollees, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants, or low-income individuals about the FCC's Lifeline program. The Lifeline program is designed to reduce the cost of communications services for low-income consumers.

## Actions Timeline

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