

HR 1841

Digital Equity Act of 2021

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Torres, Ritchie [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Mar 11, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Mar 24, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 12, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3684	Related bill	Aug 4, 2022: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Hearings held.
117 HR 1848	Related bill	Jan 20, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
117 S 2018	Related bill	Jun 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
117 HR 1783	Related bill	Apr 28, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.
117 S 745	Related bill	Mar 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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This bill requires the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to establish grant programs for promoting digital equity, supporting digital inclusion activities, and building capacity for state-led efforts to increase adoption of broadband by their residents.

Specifically, the bill establishes the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program to make distributions to states based on their populations, demographics, and availability and adoption of broadband. The bill also establishes the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program for supporting efforts to achieve digital equity, promote digital inclusion, and stimulate adoption of broadband.

Actions Timeline

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