

## S 279

National Broadband Plan for the Future Act of 2021

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

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Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 8, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

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117 HR 870	Related bill	<b>Feb 8, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

## **National Broadband Plan for the Future Act of 2021**

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to update the national broadband plan, which establishes benchmarks to meet the goal of ensuring that all people of the United States have access to broadband capability.

This update must include (1) an assessment of the progress in achieving the goals of the original national broadband plan; (2) an examination of the effects of the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) pandemic on how people learn, work, receive medical information and treatment, and participate in civic communications; and (3) an analysis of the change in reliance people will have on services enabled by broadband internet access service as a result of COVID-19.

The FCC must report annually on its progress toward achieving the goals of the updated national broadband plan.

## **Actions Timeline**

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