

## S 3906

### Small Business Broadband and Emerging Information Technology Enhancement Act of 2022

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Mar 23, 2022

**Current Status:** Held at the desk.

**Latest Action:** Held at the desk. (Sep 29, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/3906>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]

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

### Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Mar 23, 2022
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 23, 2022
Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 23, 2022
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Mar 23, 2022
Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 23, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 25, 2022

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

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This bill directs the Small Business Administration (SBA) to designate a senior Office of Investment and Innovation employee as broadband and emerging information technology coordinator, and it establishes measures to aid the competitiveness and productivity of small businesses through broadband access and other emerging information technologies.

The coordinator's responsibilities shall include (1) identifying best practices relating to broadband and emerging information technology that may help small businesses; and (2) coordinating SBA programs that assist small businesses in adopting, making innovations in, and using broadband and other emerging information technologies. The coordinator must also provide training to familiarize its employees with broadband and other emerging technologies.

Further, the SBA must report on (1) its programs and activities relating to broadband and emerging information technologies, and (2) the impact of broadband and emerging information technology deployment on small businesses.

The bill also requires Small Business Development Centers to assist small businesses in accessing broadband and other emerging information technology.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 29, 2022:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 29, 2022:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5166-5168)
- **Sep 28, 2022:** The committee amendments withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.
- **Sep 28, 2022:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S5167)
- **May 25, 2022:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Reported by Senator Cardin with amendments. Without written report.
- **May 25, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 395.
- **May 18, 2022:** Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Mar 23, 2022:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 23, 2022:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.