

HR 5257

Device Access for Every American Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Science, Technology, Communications

Introduced: Sep 14, 2021

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

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Sep 15, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2729	Identical bill	Sep 14, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Sep 14, 2021)

Device Access for Every American Act

This bill requires the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish a program that provides a \$400 voucher to a low-income individual for the purchase of a connected device (i.e., a desktop, laptop, or tablet computer) for which the FCC shall reimburse the retailer.

The FCC must (1) collaborate with retailers to ensure the wide acceptance of vouchers and the wide availability of covered devices, (2) establish a website that links to offerings by retailers of eligible connected devices, (3) establish a catalog of such offerings that is accessible to consumers without internet access, and (4) advertise the availability of the program.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Sep 14, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 14, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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