

HR 498

9–8–8 Lifeline Cybersecurity Responsibility Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Jan 25, 2023

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Mar 6, 2024)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: CA • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	D · CA		Jan 25, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 8, 2023
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 6, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3393	Related bill	Feb 1, 2024: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 319.
118 S 1493	Related bill	May 9, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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This bill requires the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to undertake efforts to protect the 9-8-8 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline from cybersecurity threats. (The lifeline is a three-digit number that connects callers in suicidal crisis or mental health distress to a national network of crisis centers.)

The bill also expands related reporting requirements. Specifically, the network administrator for the lifeline must report identified cybersecurity incidents and vulnerabilities to SAMHSA, and local and regional crisis centers that participate in the lifeline must report identified cybersecurity incidents and vulnerabilities to the administrator.

Additionally, the Government Accountability Office must conduct a study that evaluates cybersecurity risks and vulnerabilities associated with the lifeline and report the findings to Congress.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2024:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Mar 5, 2024:** Mr. Guthrie moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Mar 5, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H797-798)
- **Mar 5, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 498.
- **Mar 5, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H797)
- **Mar 5, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H797)
- **Mar 5, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 11, 2023:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 118-52.
- **May 11, 2023:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 35.
- **Mar 24, 2023:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 46 - 0.
- **Mar 23, 2023:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 8, 2023:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 27 - 0 .
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Jan 25, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.