

HR 5886

Promoting Access to Broadband Act of 2023

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Chamber: House

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (Nov 3, 2023)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 3, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 3024	Identical bill	Oct 4, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text: CR S4951-4952)

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This bill establishes grant programs to facilitate enrollment in the Lifeline program and the Affordable Connectivity Program. (These programs subsidize telecommunications services for eligible, low-income individuals and households.)

Specifically, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) must award competitive grants to states, territories, or tribes for informing Medicaid enrollees, recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, and other low-income individuals about their potential eligibility for the programs.

The FCC must also award grants to states, territories, and tribes to facilitate data sharing for verifying eligibility for the programs. Recipients must use the grants to establish or maintain connections between (1) their databases that contain information about residents who receive benefits administered by the recipient, and (2) the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier (a centralized system that verifies and annually recertifies Lifeline applicants' eligibility for the program).

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 3, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.
- **Oct 25, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- **Oct 3, 2023:** Introduced in House