

## HR 8556

### Clarifying E–Rate Act of 2024

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. (May 31, 2024)

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## Sponsor

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

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Rep. Garcia, Robert [D-CA-42]	D · CA		May 23, 2024
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		May 23, 2024
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-31]	D · CA		May 23, 2024
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		May 23, 2024
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 31, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill provides statutory authority for the use of Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support program (E–Rate) funds for the provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses. (In a declaratory ruling titled *Modernizing the E–Rate Program for Schools and Libraries* and released on October 25, 2023, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) declared that the use of Wi-Fi and similar technologies on school buses serves an educational purpose and is therefore eligible for E–Rate funding. The policy effectively permits schools to receive discounted telecommunications service for use on school buses.)

The bill also directs the FCC to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking specifying any additional locations for which E–Rate funding may be used to support connectivity. The FCC must establish an annual process for considering additional eligible locations.

### Actions Timeline

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