

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 280

To require the Federal Communications Commission to implement the recommendations of the Joint Board concerning universal service support for schools and libraries.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. SERRANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that—

1           (1) the Joint Board established by the Federal  
2           Communications Commission pursuant to the Tele-  
3           communications Act of 1996 has submitted its rec-  
4           ommendations to the Commission concerning univer-  
5           sal service support for the provision of advanced  
6           telecommunications services to schools and libraries  
7           (CC Docket 96–45);

8           (2) the interconnection of schools and libraries  
9           proposed to be supported by those recommendations  
10          is essential to preparing American students for the  
11          technological literacy they will require to compete in  
12          the economy of the 21st century;

13          (3) adequate financial support for the imple-  
14          mentation of that interconnection will be necessary  
15          to prevent schools and libraries in poor and dis-  
16          advantaged communities from being left behind; and

17          (4) therefore, those recommendations can and  
18          should be promptly and completely implemented by  
19          the Federal Communications Commission.

20 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS.**

21          Within 60 days after the date of enactment of this  
22          Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall take  
23          all actions necessary to implement the recommendations  
24          of the Federal-State Board established pursuant to section  
25          254 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254)

1 pertaining to the establishment of universal service sup-  
2 port mechanisms for the provision of advanced tele-  
3 communications and information services to schools and  
4 libraries, as submitted to the Commission on November  
5 7, 1996 (CC Docket 96-45).

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