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H. R. 4098

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit schools and libraries that receive universal service support from blocking Internet access to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer resources, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2017

Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. TAKANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Don’t Block LGBTQ
5 Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO LGBTQ RESOURCES UNDER UNIVERSAL**
2 **SERVICE SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 254(h) of the Commu-
5 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
7 graph (8);

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(7) ACCESS TO LGBTQ RESOURCES.—Notwith-
11 standing subsection (1)(2), an elementary school, sec-
12 ondary school, or library may not receive services at
13 discount rates under paragraph (1)(B) if such school
14 or library (under an internet safety policy with re-
15 spect to which certification is required under this
16 subsection or otherwise) blocks internet access to
17 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer re-
18 sources.”; and

19 (3) in paragraph (8) (as redesignated), by add-
20 ing at the end the following:

21 “(J) LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,
22 TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER RESOURCES.—The
23 term ‘lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and
24 queer resources’ means information that is re-
25 lated to homosexuality, bisexuality, transgender
26 identity, transgender status, gender noncon-

1 formity, gender expansive, gender identity, sex-
2 ual orientation, or related topics, except that
3 such term does not include a visual depiction
4 described in paragraph (5)(B)(i) or (6)(B)(i).”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO COMMUNICA-
6 TIONS ACT OF 1934.—

7 (1) SECTION 254.—Section 254(h)(4) of the
8 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(4))
9 is amended by striking “paragraph (7)(A)” and in-
10 sserting “paragraph (8)(A)”.

11 (2) SECTION 271.—Section 271(g)(2) of the
12 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 271(g)(2))
13 is amended by striking “section 254(h)(5)” and in-
14 sserting “section 254(h)(8)”.

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