

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 1621

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## AN ACT

To require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a methodology for the collection by the Commission of information about commercial mobile service and commercial mobile data service, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Rural Wireless Access  
3 Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. METHODOLOGY FOR COLLECTION OF MOBILE**  
5 **SERVICE COVERAGE DATA.**

6       (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7           (1) the term “commercial mobile data service”  
8       has the meaning given the term in section 6001 of  
9       the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act  
10      of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1401);

11          (2) the term “commercial mobile service” has  
12      the meaning given the term in section 332(d) of the  
13      Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(d));

14          (3) the term “Commission” means the Federal  
15      Communications Commission;

16          (4) the term “coverage data” means, if com-  
17      mercial mobile service or commercial mobile data  
18      service is available, information about the service,  
19      which may include available speed tiers and perform-  
20      ance characteristics; and

21          (5) the term “Universal Service program”  
22      means the universal service support mechanisms es-  
23      tablished under section 254 of the Communications  
24      Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254) and the regulations  
25      issued under that section.

1 (b) METHODOLOGY ESTABLISHED.—Not later than  
2 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
3 Commission shall promulgate regulations to establish a  
4 methodology that shall apply to the collection of coverage  
5 data by the Commission for the purposes of—

6 (1) the Universal Service program; or

7 (2) any other similar program.

8 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The methodology established  
9 under subsection (b) shall—

10 (1) contain standard definitions for different  
11 speed tiers, such as the 2G, 3G, 4G, and 4G LTE  
12 tiers;

13 (2) ensure that coverage data is collected in a  
14 consistent and robust way;

15 (3) improve the validity and reliability of cov-  
16 erage data; and

17 (4) increase the efficiency of coverage data col-  
18 lection.

Passed the Senate March 1, 2018.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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