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H. R. 1693

To require the Federal Communications Commission to make the provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses eligible for E-rate support.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2019

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. WELCH, and Ms. HAALAND) 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. E-RATE SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL BUS WI-FI.**

4 (a) RULEMAKING.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
7 Commission shall commence a rulemaking to make
8 the provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses eligible
9 for support under the E-rate program of the Com-

mission set forth under subpart F of part 54 of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations.

(2) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—Notwithstanding section 254(h)(1)(B) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(1)(B)), the Commission shall provide in the rulemaking under paragraph (1) for State educational agencies, educational service agencies, and local educational agencies to be eligible to receive the support described in such paragraph.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission” means the Federal Communications Commission.

(2) SCHOOL BUS.—The term “school bus” means a passenger motor vehicle that is—

(A) designed to carry a driver and not less than 5 passengers; and

(B) used significantly to transport—

(i) children enrolled in an early childhood education program to or from such program or an event related to such program; or

(ii) students enrolled in an elementary school or secondary school to or from such school or an event related to such school.

1 (3) TERMS DEFINED IN ELEMENTARY AND SEC-
2 ONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965.—The terms
3 “early childhood education program”, “educational
4 service agency”, “elementary school”, “local edu-
5 cational agency”, “secondary school”, and “State
6 educational agency” have the meanings given such
7 terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
8 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

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