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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-

1 mission set forth under subpart F of part 54 of title
2 47, Code of Federal Regulations.

3 (2) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—Notwithstanding
4 section 254(h)(1)(B) of the Communications Act of
5 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(1)(B)), the Commission
6 shall provide in the rulemaking under paragraph (1)
7 for State educational agencies, educational service
8 agencies, and local educational agencies to be eligible
9 to receive the support described in such paragraph.

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

17 (B) used significantly to transport—

18 (i) children enrolled in an early child-
19 hood education program to or from such
20 program or an event related to such pro-
21 gram; or

22 (ii) students enrolled in an elementary
23 school or secondary school to or from such
24 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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