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S. 2447

To amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide additional funding for E-rate support for emergency educational connections and devices, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 22, 2021

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. WARREN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. REED, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide additional funding for E-rate support for emergency educational connections and devices, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Securing Universal
5 Communications Connectivity to Ensure Students Succeed
6 Act” or the “SUCCESS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL CON-**
 2 **NECTIONS AND DEVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7402 of the American
 4 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2) is amend-
 5 ed—

6 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
 7 paragraph (1), by inserting “(except as provided in
 8 subsection (c)(2)(B))” after “during a COVID–19
 9 emergency period”; and

10 (2) in subsection (c)—

11 (A) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-
 12 ing the following:

13 “(2) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts
 14 otherwise available, there is appropriated to the
 15 Emergency Connectivity Fund, out of any money in
 16 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated—

17 “(A) for fiscal year 2021—

18 “(i) \$7,171,000,000, to remain avail-
 19 able until September 30, 2030, for—

20 “(I) the provision of support
 21 under the covered regulations; and

22 “(II) the Commission to adopt,
 23 and the Commission and the Uni-
 24 versal Service Administrative Com-
 25 pany to administer, the covered regu-
 26 lations; and

1 “(ii) \$1,000,000, to remain available
 2 until September 30, 2030, for the Inspec-
 3 tor General of the Commission to conduct
 4 oversight of support provided under the
 5 covered regulations; and

6 “(B) for each of fiscal years 2022 through
 7 2026, \$8,000,000,000, to remain available until
 8 expended, for the provision of support under
 9 the covered regulations, without regard to
 10 when—

11 “(i) that support is provided; or

12 “(ii) any purchase described in sub-
 13 section (a) occurs.”; and

14 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “under
 15 paragraph (2)(A) may be used for the purposes
 16 described in clause (ii) of such paragraph” and
 17 inserting “under paragraph (2)(A)(i) may be
 18 used for the purposes described in subclause
 19 (II) of such paragraph”.

20 (b) UPDATES TO REGULATIONS.—The Federal Com-
 21 munications Commission may make any updates to the
 22 regulations promulgated under section 7402(a) of the
 23 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2),
 24 as in effect before the date of enactment of this Act, that

- 1 may be necessary as a result of the amendments made
- 2 by subsection (a) of this section.

