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H. R. 8930

To require that each agency provide any communication in alternative accessible communication formats.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESSIONS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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 “Accessibility Con-
5 stituent Communication Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. ALTERNATIVE ACCESSIBLE COMMUNICATION FOR-**
7 **MATS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each agency, including agency
9 employees or contractors, shall require that each distrib-
10 uted internal or public-facing agency document commu-

1 nication shall be made available to Blind or Visually Im-
2 paired recipients in one or more of the following alter-
3 native accessible communication formats:

4 (1) Tactile Braille.

5 (2) Reflow Large Print.

6 (3) Accessible Audio.

7 (4) Equivalent accessible Digital Data format,
8 such as Accessible or Tagged PDF.

9 (b) DISTRIBUTION.—Each communication in an al-
10 ternative accessible communication format shall be distrib-
11 uted via either United States Mail or secure electronic de-
12 livery systems in scheduled coordination with the commu-
13 nication in standard communication formats.

14 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—An agency that complies with
15 this section may not be held liable for a violation of sub-
16 title A of title II for the distribution of such a communica-
17 tion with regard to any Blind or Visually Impaired recipi-
18 ent.

19 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

20 (1) The term “agency” means a public entity
21 (as such term is defined in section 201 of the Ameri-
22 cans with Disabilities Act) that administers any re-
23 tirement, welfare, health, disability, public or as-
24 sisted housing, postsecondary education, food assist-
25 ance, unemployment benefit, or any other similar

1 benefit for which payments or assistance are pro-
2 vided to an individual, household, or family eligibility
3 unit provided by appropriated funds of the United
4 States.

5 (2) The term “communication” means publicly
6 available information and materials.

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