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H. R. 5028

To direct the Technological Advisory Council of the Federal Communications Commission to prepare a report on a 9–1–1 disability alerting system, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 13, 2021

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington (for herself and Mrs. DINGELL) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Information Sharing
5 And Advanced Communication Alerting Act” or the
6 “ISAAC Alerting Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON 9–1–1 DISABILITY ALERTING SYSTEM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Technological

1 Advisory Council of the Commission, in consultation with
2 disability advocates, State 9–1–1 administrators, public
3 safety answering point administrators and operational
4 personnel, first responders, and providers of Next Genera-
5 tion 9–1–1 additional data information and emergency call
6 handling systems, shall submit to the Commission a report
7 that identifies the following:

8 (1) Any rules, technical standards, protocols, or
9 procedures necessary to implement a 9–1–1 dis-
10 ability alerting system.

11 (2) Any technology or systems, including any
12 additional data repositories or interfaces, necessary
13 to implement a 9–1–1 disability alerting system.

14 (3) Any barriers to implementing in a secure
15 manner the registration and data collection process
16 for a 9–1–1 disability alerting system.

17 (4) Any barriers related to the secure and inter-
18 operable transmission of data from a 9–1–1 dis-
19 ability alerting system to public safety answering
20 points.

21 (5) Any barriers related to the secure and inter-
22 operable transmission of such data from public safe-
23 ty answering points to first responders and other
24 public safety answering points.

1 (6) Recommendations on how to overcome any
2 barriers identified under paragraph (3), (4), or (5),
3 including any necessary Federal or State legislation.

4 (7) Recommendations on how best to inform
5 households with which an individual with a disability
6 is associated of the registration and data collection
7 process for a 9–1–1 disability alerting system.

8 (8) An estimated timeline and cost for imple-
9 mentation of the registration and data collection
10 process for a 9–1–1 disability alerting system.

11 (9) An estimated timeline and cost for nation-
12 wide implementation of a 9–1–1 disability alerting
13 system.

14 (10) Strategies for ensuring information in a 9–
15 1–1 disability alerting system is and remains accu-
16 rate, and any liability issues associated with the ac-
17 curacy of such information.

18 (11) The effectiveness and use by individuals of
19 existing programs that provide similar notifications
20 and information to first responders.

21 (b) TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 3
22 days after receiving the report required by subsection (a),
23 the Commission shall transmit the report to the Com-
24 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-

1 representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,
2 and Transportation of the Senate.

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) 9–1–1 DISABILITY ALERTING SYSTEM.—The
5 term “9–1–1 disability alerting system” means a
6 system that, in the case of a 9–1–1 call that is
7 placed from a household or device with which an in-
8 dividual with a disability is associated, transmits to
9 the public safety answering point that receives the
10 call information in the profile of the individual cre-
11 ated during the registration and data collection proc-
12 ess in order to enable the public safety answering
13 point to transmit the information to the first re-
14 sponders responding to the call.

15 (2) ADDITIONAL DATA REPOSITORY OR INTER-
16 FACE.—The term “additional data repository or
17 interface” means an additional data repository or
18 interface described in the publication of the National
19 Emergency Number Association titled “NENA
20 Standard for NG9–1–1 Additional Data” and dated
21 December 21, 2017 (or any successor publication).

22 (3) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
23 means the Federal Communications Commission.

24 (4) FIRST RESPONDER.—The term “first re-
25 sponder” means a firefighter, emergency medical

1 services technician, public safety telecommunicator,
2 or police officer.

3 (5) PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT.—The
4 term “public safety answering point” has the mean-
5 ing given such term in section 222 of the Commu-
6 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222).

7 (6) REGISTRATION AND DATA COLLECTION
8 PROCESS.—The term “registration and data collec-
9 tion process” means a process that allows an indi-
10 vidual to create, within a 9–1–1 disability alerting
11 system, a profile associated with an individual with
12 a disability, which shall include information with re-
13 spect to whether—

14 (A) the individual is a wandering risk;

15 (B) the individual is nonverbal;

16 (C) the individual will not respond to
17 verbal instructions;

18 (D) the individual can be combative under
19 stress or anxiety;

20 (E) the individual is physically limited and
21 cannot exit the home unassisted; or

22 (F) potential access issues exist within the
23 home, such as locked doors or windows.

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