

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7060

To modify conditions of funding for the distance learning, telemedicine, and broadband program of the Rural Utilities Service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2022

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Ms. HERRELL, and Ms. KUSTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To modify conditions of funding for the distance learning, telemedicine, and broadband program of the Rural Utilities Service, 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 “Connect Unserved
5 Americans Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND**
 2 **BROADBAND PROGRAM.**

3 The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public
 4 Law 117–58) is amended in the third proviso under the
 5 heading “DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND
 6 BROADBAND PROGRAM” under the heading “RURAL UTIL-
 7 ITIES SERVICE” under the heading “RURAL DEVELOP-
 8 MENT PROGRAMS” under the heading “DEPART-
 9 MENT OF AGRICULTURE” in title I of division J by
 10 striking “50 percent” and inserting “80 percent”.

11 **SEC. 3. COORDINATION WITH TREASURY DEPARTMENT ON**
 12 **DISTRIBUTION OF BROADBAND DEPLOY-**
 13 **MENT FUNDS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 904(b) of division FF of
 15 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (47 U.S.C.
 16 1308(b)) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

18 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the
 19 end; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(iv) the Department of the Treasury;
 22 and”; and

23 (2) in paragraph (2)—

24 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 25 “and” at the end;

1 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking the
2 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(D) the programs administered by the
5 Department of the Treasury.”.

6 (b) DEADLINE.—Not later than 30 days after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the covered agencies (as
8 defined in section 904(b) of division FF of the Consoli-
9 dated Appropriations Act, 2021 (47 U.S.C. 1308(b)), as
10 amended by subsection (a) of this section) shall implement
11 the amendments made by subsection (a) of this section.

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