

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8249

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit schools and public libraries that receive universal service support from blocking internet access to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer resources, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2022

Mr. SCHNEIDER 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 “Don’t Block LGBTQ
5 Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO LGBTQ RESOURCES UNDER UNIVERSAL**
2 **SERVICE SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 254(h) of the Commu-
5 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
7 graph (8);

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(7) ACCESS TO LGBTQ RESOURCES.—Notwith-
11 standing subsection (1)(2), an elementary school, sec-
12 ondary school, or public library may not receive serv-
13 ices at discount rates under paragraph (1)(B) if
14 such school or library (under an internet safety pol-
15 icy with respect to which certification is required
16 under this subsection or otherwise) blocks internet
17 access to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and
18 queer resources.”; and

19 (3) in paragraph (8) (as redesignated), by add-
20 ing at the end the following:

21 “(J) LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,
22 TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER RESOURCES.—The
23 term ‘lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and
24 queer resources’ means information that is re-
25 lated to homosexuality, bisexuality, transgender
26 identity, transgender status, gender noncon-

1 formity, gender expansive, gender identity, sex-
2 ual orientation, or related topics, except that
3 such term does not include a visual depiction
4 described in paragraph (5)(B)(i) or (6)(B)(i).”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO COMMUNICA-
6 TIONS ACT OF 1934.—

7 (1) SECTION 254.—Section 254(h)(4) of the
8 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(4))
9 is amended by striking “paragraph (7)(A)” and in-
10 serting “paragraph (8)(A)”.

11 (2) SECTION 271.—Section 271(g)(2) of the
12 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 271(g)(2))
13 is amended by striking “section 254(h)(5)” and in-
14 serting “section 254(h)(8)”.

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