

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3587

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 3), 2022

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND**
7 **BROADBAND PROGRAM.**

8 The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public
9 Law 117–58) is amended in the third proviso under the

1 heading “DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND
 2 BROADBAND PROGRAM” under the heading “RURAL UTIL-
 3 ITIES SERVICE” under the heading “RURAL DEVELOP-
 4 MENT PROGRAMS” under the heading “DEPART-
 5 MENT OF AGRICULTURE” in title I of division J by
 6 striking “50 percent” and inserting “80 percent”.

7 **SEC. 3. COORDINATION WITH TREASURY DEPARTMENT ON**
 8 **DISTRIBUTION OF BROADBAND DEPLOY-**
 9 **MENT FUNDS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 904(b) of division FF of
 11 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (47 U.S.C.
 12 1308(b)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

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

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

17 “(iv) the Department of the Treasury;
 18 and”; and

19 (2) in paragraph (2)—

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

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

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

1 “(D) the programs administered by the
2 Department of the Treasury.”.

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

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