

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5200

AN ACT

To direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue reports after activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and to make improvements to network outage reporting, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Reporting
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORTS AFTER ACTIVATION OF DISASTER INFOR-**
5 **MATION REPORTING SYSTEM; IMPROVE-**
6 **MENTS TO NETWORK OUTAGE REPORTING.**

7 (a) REPORTS AFTER ACTIVATION OF DISASTER IN-
8 FORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM.—

9 (1) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—

10 (A) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
11 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
12 and annually thereafter, the Commission shall
13 hold not less than 1 public hearing relating to
14 all events during the preceding 1-year period
15 for which the System was activated for not less
16 than 7 days.

17 (B) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS
18 IN HEARINGS.—For each public hearing held
19 under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall
20 consider including—

21 (i) representatives of State govern-
22 ments, local governments, or Indian tribal
23 governments in areas affected by such
24 events;

25 (ii) residents of the areas affected by
26 such events, or consumer advocates;

- 1 (iii) providers of communications serv-
- 2 ices affected by such events;
- 3 (iv) faculty of institutions of higher
- 4 education;
- 5 (v) representatives of other Federal
- 6 agencies;
- 7 (vi) electric utility providers;
- 8 (vii) communications infrastructure
- 9 companies; and
- 10 (viii) first responders, emergency
- 11 managers, or 9–1–1 directors in areas af-
- 12 fected by such events.

13 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 120 days after
14 the date on which a public hearing held under para-
15 graph (1) concludes, the Commission shall issue a
16 report that includes, with respect to the events to
17 which such hearing relates and to the extent known
18 without requiring the collection of additional infor-
19 mation—

20 (A) the number and duration of any out-
21 ages of—

- 22 (i) broadband internet access service;
- 23 (ii) interconnected VoIP service;
- 24 (iii) commercial mobile service; and
- 25 (iv) commercial mobile data service;

1 (B) the approximate number of users and
2 the amount of communications infrastructure
3 potentially affected by an outage described in
4 subparagraph (A);

5 (C) the number and duration of any out-
6 ages that prevent emergency communications
7 centers from receiving caller location or number
8 information or receiving emergency calls and
9 routing such calls to emergency service per-
10 sonnel; and

11 (D) any recommendations of the Commis-
12 sion on how to improve the resiliency of af-
13 fected communications services or networks.

14 (3) DEVELOPMENT OF REPORTS.—In devel-
15 oping a report required by paragraph (2), the Com-
16 mission shall consider information collected by the
17 Commission with respect to the events to which such
18 report relates, including information collected
19 through the System and the relevant public hearing.

20 (4) PUBLICATION OF REPORTS.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in
22 subparagraph (B), the Commission shall pub-
23 lish each report required by paragraph (2) on
24 the website of the Commission upon the
25 issuance of such report.

1 (B) EXCLUSION.—In publishing a report
2 under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall
3 exclude information that is otherwise exempt
4 from public disclosure under the rules of the
5 Commission or that was submitted to the Com-
6 mission with a proper request for confidential
7 treatment as described in section 0.459 of title
8 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-
9 cessor regulation).

10 (b) IMPROVEMENTS TO NETWORK OUTAGE REPORT-
11 ING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, the Commission shall conduct an inves-
13 tigation and publish on the website of the Commission a
14 report on—

15 (1) the value to public safety agencies of origi-
16 nating service providers including visual information
17 to improve situational awareness about outages in
18 the notifications provided to emergency communica-
19 tions centers, as required by the rules of the Com-
20 mission;

21 (2) the volume and nature of 9–1–1 outages
22 that may go unreported under the outage notifica-
23 tion thresholds of the Commission;

24 (3) the balance between the value described in
25 paragraph (1) to public safety agencies and the bur-

1 den and practicality for originating service providers
2 of including visual information in outage notifica-
3 tions as described in such paragraph; and

4 (4) recommended changes to the rules of the
5 Commission to address the matters reported under
6 paragraphs (1) and (2).

7 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
8 tion shall be construed to provide the Commission or any
9 other person authority over any provider of broadband
10 internet access service beyond what is specifically author-
11 ized under this section.

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—
14 The term “broadband internet access service” has
15 the meaning given such term in section 8.1(b) of
16 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-
17 cessor regulation).

18 (2) COMMERCIAL MOBILE DATA SERVICE.—The
19 term “commercial mobile data service” has the
20 meaning given such term in section 6001 of the Mid-
21 dle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012
22 (47 U.S.C. 1401).

23 (3) COMMERCIAL MOBILE SERVICE.—The term
24 “commercial mobile service” has the meaning given

1 such term in section 332(d) of the Communications
2 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(d)).

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

5 (5) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “emergency
7 communications center” means—

8 (i) a facility that—

9 (I) is designated to receive a 9–
10 1–1 request for emergency assistance;
11 and

12 (II) performs 1 or more of the
13 functions described in subparagraph
14 (B); or

15 (ii) a public safety answering point
16 (as defined in section 222 of the Commu-
17 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 222)).

18 (B) FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The func-
19 tions described in this subparagraph are the fol-
20 lowing:

21 (i) Processing and analyzing 9–1–1
22 requests for emergency assistance and in-
23 formation and data related to such re-
24 quests.

(ii) Dispatching appropriate emergency response providers.

(iii) Transferring or exchanging 9–1–1 requests for emergency assistance and information and data related to such requests with 1 or more other emergency communications centers and emergency response providers.

(iv) Analyzing any communications received from emergency response providers.

(v) Supporting incident command functions.

(6) INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENT; LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The terms “Indian tribal government” and “local government” have the meanings given such terms in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

(7) INTERCONNECTED VOIP SERVICE; STATE.—The terms “interconnected VoIP service” and “State” have the meanings given such terms in section 3 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153).

(8) OUTAGE.—The term “outage” has the meaning given such term in section 4.5 of title 47,

1 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor regu-
2 lation).

3 (9) SYSTEM.—The term “System” means the
4 Disaster Information Reporting System of the Com-
5 mission.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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