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H. R. 8145

To amend the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants Program to expand eligibility for financial assistance to include the construction and enhancement of facilities and technological systems aimed at delivering telemedicine services, strengthening cybersecurity infrastructure, and supporting distance learning initiatives, including digital literacy, workforce development, and job training, in rural communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2026

Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY (for herself and Mr. BRESNAHAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Expanding Access to
3 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TELEMEDICINE, DISTANCE LEARNING, AND CYBER-**
5 **SECURITY SUPPORT SERVICES IN RURAL**
6 **AREAS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2333 of the Food, Agri-
8 culture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
9 950aaa–2) is amended—

10 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**TELE-**
11 **MEDICINE AND DISTANCE LEARNING**” and in-
12 sserting “**TELEMEDICINE, DISTANCE LEARNING,**
13 **AND CYBERSECURITY SUPPORT**”;

14 (2) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) by inserting “, cybersecurity support,”
16 before “and distance”; and

17 (B) by inserting “including digital literacy,
18 workforce development, and job training” be-
19 fore “in rural”;

20 (3) in subsection (c)—

21 (A) in paragraph (1)—

22 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

23 (I) by inserting “, cybersecurity
24 support,” before “or distance”; and

25 (II) by inserting “, including dig-
26 ital literacy, workforce development,

1 and job training” before the semi-
2 colon; and

3 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
4 “to provide telemedicine service or distance
5 learning service” and inserting “services
6 described in subparagraph (A)”; and

7 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking “or dis-
8 tance learning” and inserting “, cybersecurity
9 support, or distance learning, digital literacy, or
10 workforce development and job training”;

11 (4) in subsection (d)—

12 (A) in paragraph (12), by striking “and”
13 at the end;

14 (B) in paragraph (13), by striking the pe-
15 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

17 “(14) the need for distance workforce develop-
18 ment and job training, including a workforce that
19 supports the building of broadband in rural areas.”;
20 and

21 (5) in subsection (f)—

22 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “or dis-
23 tance learning” and inserting “distance learn-
24 ing, digital literacy, or cybersecurity”;

25 (B) in paragraph (3)—

1 (i) by inserting “, cybersecurity sup-
2 port,” after “assistance”; and

3 (ii) by striking “or” at the end;

4 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
5 riod and inserting “; or”; and

6 (D) by adding at the end the following:

7 “(5) providing distance workforce development
8 and job training, including a workforce that sup-
9 ports the building of broadband in rural areas.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 6
12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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