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To require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to update a report on the role of telecommunications, including the Internet, in the commission of hate crimes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 8, 2014

Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Hate Crime Reporting
5 Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT.**

7 Section 155 of the National Telecommunications and
8 Information Administration Organization Act (enacted as

1 section 135 of Public Law 102–538; 106 Stat. 3542) is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **“SEC. 155. REPORT ON THE ROLE OF TELECOMMUNI-**
4 **CATIONS IN HATE CRIMES.**

5 “(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year
6 after the date of enactment of the Hate Crime Reporting
7 Act of 2014, the NTIA, with the assistance of the Depart-
8 ment of Justice, the Commission, and the United States
9 Commission on Civil Rights, shall submit a report to the
10 Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee
11 on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the
12 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
13 and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate on the
14 role of telecommunications in hate crimes in accordance
15 with subsection (b).

16 “(b) SCOPE OF REPORT.—The report required under
17 subsection (a) shall—

18 “(1) analyze information on the use of tele-
19 communications, including the Internet, broadcast
20 television and radio, cable television, public access
21 television, commercial mobile services, and other
22 electronic media, to advocate and encourage violent
23 acts and the commission of crimes of hate, as de-
24 scribed in the Hate Crime Statistics Act (28 U.S.C.
25 534 note);

1 “(2) include any recommendations, consistent
2 with the First Amendment to the Constitution of the
3 United States, that the NTIA determines are appro-
4 priate and necessary to address the use of tele-
5 communications described in paragraph (1); and

6 “(3) update the previous report submitted
7 under this section (as in effect before the date of en-
8 actment of the Hate Crime Reporting Act of
9 2014).”.

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