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S. 1545

To require a quarterly report by the Federal Communications Commission
on the Lifeline program funded by the Universal Service Fund.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10, 2015

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

A BILL

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Commission on the Lifeline program funded by the Uni-
versal Service Fund.

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. REPORT ON LIFELINE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section—

5 (1) the term “Lifeline program” means the
6 Lifeline program of the Federal Communications
7 Commission set forth under subpart E of part 54 of
8 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-
9 cessor thereto; and

1 (2) the term “participating carrier” means an
2 eligible telecommunications carrier that receives uni-
3 versal service support under sections 214(e) and 254
4 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C.
5 214(e) and 254) for the provision of service through
6 the Lifeline program.

7 (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, and quarterly there-
9 after, the Federal Communications Commission shall sub-
10 mit to Congress a report on the Lifeline program that in-
11 cludes, with respect to the period covered by the report—

12 (1) aggregate expenditures on the Lifeline pro-
13 gram;

14 (2) a list of each payment made to a partici-
15 pating carrier for the provision of service through
16 the Lifeline program, including, in the case of a par-
17 ticipating carrier that is reimbursed for the provision
18 of service to both wireless and wireline subscribers,
19 the amount of the payment that corresponds to each
20 type of service; and

21 (3) the average cost per subscriber, across all
22 the participating carriers, to provide the service that
23 the Lifeline program subsidizes, broken down by

- 1 wireless and wireline subscribers and averaged per
- 2 subscriber.

