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H. R. 6286

To require the Federal Communications Commission to make the provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses eligible for E-rate support.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2018

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico (for himself and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Bus Act of 2018”.

5 **SEC. 2. E-RATE SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL BUS WI-FI.**

6 (a) RULEMAKING.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
9 Commission shall conduct a rulemaking to make the

1 provision of Wi-Fi access on school buses eligible for
2 support under the E-rate program of the Commis-
3 sion set forth under subpart F of part 54 of title 47,
4 Code of Federal Regulations.

5 (2) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—Notwithstanding
6 section 254(h)(1)(B) of the Communications Act of
7 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)(1)(B)), the Commission
8 shall provide in the rulemaking under paragraph (1)
9 for State educational agencies, educational service
10 agencies, and local educational agencies to be eligible
11 to receive the support described in such paragraph.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
14 means the Federal Communications Commission.

15 (2) SCHOOL BUS.—The term “school bus”
16 means a passenger motor vehicle that is—

17 (A) designed to carry a driver and not less
18 than 5 passengers; and

19 (B) used significantly to transport—

20 (i) children enrolled in an early child-
21 hood education program to or from such
22 program or an event related to such pro-
23 gram; or

1 (ii) students enrolled in an elementary
2 school or secondary school to or from such
3 school or an event related to such school.

4 (3) TERMS DEFINED IN ELEMENTARY AND SEC-
5 ONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965.—The terms
6 “early childhood education program”, “educational
7 service agency”, “elementary school”, “local edu-
8 cational agency”, “secondary school”, and “State
9 educational agency” have the meanings given such
10 terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Sec-
11 ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

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