

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 1621

AN ACT

To require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a methodology for the collection by the Commission of information about commercial mobile service and commercial mobile data service, 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 “Rural Wireless Access
3 Act of 2017”.

4 **SEC. 2. METHODOLOGY FOR COLLECTION OF MOBILE**
5 **SERVICE COVERAGE DATA.**

6 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 (1) the term “commercial mobile data service”
8 has the meaning given the term in section 6001 of
9 the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act
10 of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1401);

11 (2) the term “commercial mobile service” has
12 the meaning given the term in section 332(d) of the
13 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 332(d));

14 (3) the term “Commission” means the Federal
15 Communications Commission;

16 (4) the term “coverage data” means, if com-
17 mercial mobile service or commercial mobile data
18 service is available, information about the service,
19 which may include available speed tiers and perform-
20 ance characteristics; and

21 (5) the term “Universal Service program”
22 means the universal service support mechanisms es-
23 tablished under section 254 of the Communications
24 Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254) and the regulations
25 issued under that section.

1 (b) METHODOLOGY ESTABLISHED.—Not later than
2 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 Commission shall promulgate regulations to establish a
4 methodology that shall apply to the collection of coverage
5 data by the Commission for the purposes of—

6 (1) the Universal Service program; or

7 (2) any other similar program.

8 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—The methodology established
9 under subsection (b) shall—

10 (1) contain standard definitions for different
11 speed tiers, such as the 2G, 3G, 4G, and 4G LTE
12 tiers;

13 (2) ensure that coverage data is collected in a
14 consistent and robust way;

15 (3) improve the validity and reliability of cov-
16 erage data; and

17 (4) increase the efficiency of coverage data col-
18 lection.

Passed the Senate March 1, 2018.

Attest:

Secretary.

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