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To permit universal service support to schools under the Communications Act of 1934 to be used for enhanced emergency notification services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. RUSH (for himself, Mr. UPTON, and [see ATTACHED LIST of cosponsors]) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To permit universal service support to schools under the Communications Act of 1934 to be used for enhanced emergency notification services.

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 “School Emergency No-
5 tification Deployment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR ENHANCED EMERGENCY COMMU-**
2 **NICATIONS.**

3 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 254(h) of the Commu-
4 nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2)—

6 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
7 paragraph (A);

8 (B) by striking the period at the end of
9 subparagraph (B) and inserting “; and”; and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following new
11 subparagraph:

12 “(C) to permit universal service support to
13 public and nonprofit elementary and secondary
14 schools to be used for enhanced emergency noti-
15 fication services.”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (7)—

17 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (G),
18 (H), and (I) as subparagraphs (H), (I), and
19 (J), respectively; and

20 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (F)
21 the following new subparagraph:

22 “(G) ENHANCED EMERGENCY NOTIFICA-
23 TION SERVICE.—The term ‘enhanced emergency
24 notification service’ means a communications
25 service or system that—

1 “(I) meets or exceeds prevailing in-
2 dustry practices, as periodically determined
3 by the Commission; and

4 “(ii) can be utilized by school admin-
5 istrators and other public officials to de-
6 liver emergency messages to members of
7 the school community (including students
8 and their parents, faculty, and staff), and
9 their designated emergency contacts, via
10 messages carried over telecommunications
11 and information services, including those
12 transmitted by providers of commercial
13 mobile service (as such term is defined in
14 section 332(d)).”.

15 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

16 (1) DEADLINE.— Within 180 days after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Commu-
18 nications Commission shall prescribe such changes
19 to its rules, regulations, and orders as may be nec-
20 essary—

21 (A) to implement the amendments made by
22 subsection (a); and

23 (B) allow universal service support pro-
24 vided to public and nonprofit elementary and

1 secondary schools to be used for enhanced
2 emergency notification services.

3 (2) IMPLEMENTATION CONDITIONS.—In pre-
4 scribing such changes, the Commission shall—

5 (A) ensure that such regulations do not re-
6 sult in any increase in the total amount of—

7 (i) support provided under section
8 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934
9 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)); or

10 (ii) the contributions collected to pro-
11 vide such support;

12 (B) ensure that priority is given to schools
13 that currently do not, on the date of enactment
14 of this Act, have an emergency notification sys-
15 tem in place; and

16 (C) shall create and institute performance
17 measures with respect to support provided for
18 enhanced emergency notification services to
19 make sure the notification services are effective.