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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

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Mr. RUSH (for himself and Mr. UPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR ENHANCED EMERGENCY COMMU-**
7 **NICATIONS.**

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

10 (1) in paragraph (2)—

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

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

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(C) to permit universal service support to
8 public and nonprofit elementary and secondary
9 schools to be used for enhanced emergency noti-
10 fication services.”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (7)—

12 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (G),
13 (H), and (I) as subparagraphs (H), (I), and
14 (J), respectively; and

15 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (F)
16 the following new subparagraph:

17 “(G) ENHANCED EMERGENCY NOTIFICA-
18 TION SERVICE.—The term ‘enhanced emergency
19 notification service’ means a communications
20 service or system that—

21 “(i) meets or exceeds prevailing indus-
22 try practices, as periodically determined by
23 the Commission; and

24 “(ii) can be utilized by school admin-
25 istrators and other public officials to de-

1 liver emergency messages to members of
2 the school community (including students
3 and their parents, faculty, and staff), and
4 their designated emergency contacts, via
5 messages carried over telecommunications
6 and information services, including those
7 transmitted by providers of commercial
8 mobile service (as such term is defined in
9 section 332(d)).”.

10 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

11 (1) DEADLINE.—Within 180 days after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Commu-
13 nications Commission shall prescribe such changes
14 to its rules, regulations, and orders as may be nec-
15 essary—

16 (A) to implement the amendments made by
17 subsection (a); and

18 (B) allow universal service support pro-
19 vided to public and nonprofit elementary and
20 secondary schools to be used for enhanced
21 emergency notification services.

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

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

1 (i) support provided under section
2 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934
3 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)); or

4 (ii) the contributions collected to pro-
5 vide such support;

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

10 (C) shall create and institute performance
11 measures with respect to support provided for
12 enhanced emergency notification services to
13 make sure the notification services are effective.

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