

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO SUBTITLE M  
OFFERED BY MR. WELCH OF VERMONT**

Strike all and insert the following:

1       **Subtitle M—Distance Learning**

2       **SEC. 31301. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR DISTANCE LEARN-**  
3                       **ING.**

4           (a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts other-  
5 wise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year 2022,  
6 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
7 priated—

8           (1) \$4,000,000,000 to the Emergency  
9       Connectivity Fund established under subsection  
10       (c)(1) of section 7402 of the American Rescue Plan  
11       Act of 2021 (Public Law 117–2) to provide support  
12       under the covered regulations promulgated under  
13       subsection (a) of such section, except that such  
14       amount shall be used to provide support under the  
15       covered regulations for costs incurred after the date  
16       of enactment of this Act but before June 30, 2030,  
17       regardless of whether those costs are incurred dur-  
18       ing a COVID–19 emergency period (as defined in  
19       subsection (d) of such section); and

1           (2) \$500,000 to the Inspector General of the  
2       Federal Communications Commission to conduct  
3       oversight of support provided under the covered reg-  
4       ulations.

5       Amounts appropriated by this subsection shall remain  
6       available until September 30, 2030.

7       (b) LIMITATION.—None of the funds appropriated by  
8       subsection (a)(1) may be used to purchase, rent, lease, or  
9       otherwise obtain any covered communications equipment  
10      or service (as defined in section 9 of the Secure and Trust-  
11      ed Communications Networks Act of 2019 (47 U.S.C.  
12      1608)).

