

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4884**  
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Page 1, beginning on line 4, strike “Controlling” and all that follows through “2016” on line 6 and insert “Broadband Adoption Act of 2016”.

Strike section 2 and insert the following:

**1 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 As used in this Act—

3 (1) the term “Lifeline program” means the  
4 Lifeline program of the Commission set forth under  
5 subpart E of part 54 of title 47, Code of Federal  
6 Regulations, or any successor thereto; and

7 (2) the term “Commission” means the Federal  
8 Communications Commission.

**9 SEC. 3. PROCEEDING RELATING TO THE LIFELINE PRO-**  
**10 GRAM.**

11 (a) **DIGITAL LITERACY PROGRAM.**—Not later than  
12 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
13 mission shall conclude a proceeding relating to its Lifeline  
14 program to consider whether to provide a preference to  
15 a participating broadband Internet access service provider  
16 under the program that includes components involving

1 digital literacy programs as part of the offerings of the  
2 participating broadband Internet access service provider.

3 (b) AMOUNT OF SUPPORT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—In calculating the amount of  
5 assistance to be provided to each qualifying low-in-  
6 come consumer under the Lifeline program, the  
7 Commission, in the proceeding required under this  
8 section, shall consider—

9 (A) the prevailing market price for  
10 broadband Internet access service;

11 (B) the prevailing speed of broadband  
12 Internet access service adopted by households;

13 (C) the prevailing broadband usage pat-  
14 terns of residential consumers; and

15 (D) any minimum service standards that  
16 may have been adopted by the Commission for  
17 the Lifeline Assistance Program.

18 (2) INFORMATION.—In conducting the pro-  
19 ceeding required under paragraph (1), the Commis-  
20 sion shall rely on information that the Commission  
21 routinely collects or is publicly available.

22 (c) COORDINATION WITH STATES.—Not later than  
23 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-  
24 mission shall consult with the Federal-State Joint Board  
25 on Universal Service regarding ways to encourage States

1 to develop programs that would work in conjunction with  
2 the Lifeline program.

3 (d) TECHNOLOGY NEUTRAL.—To promote competi-  
4 tion from service providers to qualify under the Lifeline  
5 program, the Commission, in the proceeding required  
6 under this section, shall ensure that the Lifeline program  
7 is technology neutral as to the types of technology used  
8 to provide voice telephone or broadband Internet access  
9 service under the program and shall not discontinue or  
10 reduce support for standalone mobile voice service within  
11 the Lifeline program.

12 (e) PREVENTING WASTE FRAUD AND ABUSE.—In  
13 the proceeding required under this section, the Commis-  
14 sion shall consider any appropriate measures to prevent  
15 any waste, fraud, or abuse in the administration of the  
16 Lifeline program.

17 (f) EVALUATION REPORTS.—Not later than 18  
18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, and each  
19 year thereafter, the Commission shall conduct an evalua-  
20 tion and transmit a report to Congress on the performance  
21 of the Lifeline program during the 12-month period pre-  
22 ceding the date on which each report is transmitted.

23 (g) CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this  
24 Act shall be construed to limit the authority of the Com-  
25 mission under any other provision of law, including the

1 authority to promulgate regulations to promote the adop-  
2 tion of broadband Internet access service by low-income  
3 households in the United States.

