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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LOEBSACK (for himself, Mr. LATTA, Mr. MCEACHIN, and Mr. LONG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

To require the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules relating to the collection of data with respect to the availability of broadband services, 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 “Broadband Deploy-  
3 ment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act” or the  
4 “Broadband DATA Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. BROADBAND DATA.**

6 The Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 151 et  
7 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

8 **“TITLE VIII—BROADBAND DATA**

9 **“SEC. 801. DEFINITIONS.**

10 “In this title:

11 “(1) BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERV-  
12 ICE.—The term ‘broadband internet access service’  
13 has the meaning given the term in section 8.1(b) of  
14 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-  
15 cessor regulation.

16 “(2) BROADBAND MAP.—The term ‘Broadband  
17 Map’ means the map created by the Commission  
18 under section 802(c)(1)(A).

19 “(3) CELL EDGE PROBABILITY.—The term ‘cell  
20 edge probability’ means the likelihood that the min-  
21 imum threshold download and upload speeds with  
22 respect to broadband internet access service will be  
23 met or exceeded at a distance from a base station  
24 that is intended to indicate the ultimate edge of the  
25 coverage area of a cell.

1           “(4) CELL LOADING.—The term ‘cell loading’  
2 means the percentage of the available air interface  
3 resources of a base station that are used by con-  
4 sumers with respect to broadband internet access  
5 service.

6           “(5) CLUTTER.—The term ‘clutter’ means a  
7 natural or man-made surface feature that affects the  
8 propagation of a signal from a base station.

9           “(6) FABRIC.—The term ‘Fabric’ means the  
10 Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric established  
11 under section 802(b)(1)(B).

12           “(7) FORM 477.—The term ‘Form 477’ means  
13 Form 477 of the Commission relating to local tele-  
14 phone competition and broadband reporting.

15           “(8) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term ‘Indian Tribe’  
16 has the meaning given the term ‘Indian tribe’ in sec-  
17 tion 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
18 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).

19           “(9) MOBILITY FUND PHASE II.—The term  
20 ‘Mobility Fund Phase II’ means the second phase of  
21 the proceeding to provide universal service support  
22 from the Mobility Fund (WC Docket No. 10–90;  
23 WT Docket No. 10–208).

24           “(10) PROPAGATION MODEL.—The term ‘prop-  
25 agation model’ means a mathematical formulation

1 for the characterization of radio wave propagation as  
2 a function of frequency, distance, and other condi-  
3 tions.

4 “(11) PROVIDER.—The term ‘provider’ means a  
5 provider of fixed or mobile broadband internet access  
6 service.

7 “(12) QUALITY OF SERVICE.—The term ‘qual-  
8 ity of service’ means information regarding offered  
9 download and upload speeds and latency of a pro-  
10 vider’s broadband internet access service as deter-  
11 mined by and to the extent otherwise collected by  
12 the Commission.

13 “(13) SHAPEFILE.—The term ‘shapefile’ means  
14 a digital storage format containing geospatial or lo-  
15 cation-based data and attribute information—

16 “(A) regarding the availability of  
17 broadband internet access service; and

18 “(B) that can be viewed, edited, and  
19 mapped in geographic information system soft-  
20 ware.

21 “(14) STANDARD BROADBAND INSTALLA-  
22 TION.—The term ‘standard broadband installa-  
23 tion’—

24 “(A) means the initiation by a provider of  
25 fixed broadband internet access service in an

1 area where the provider has not previously of-  
2 fered that service, with no charges or delays at-  
3 tributable to the extension of the network of the  
4 provider; and

5 “(B) includes the initiation of fixed  
6 broadband internet access service through rou-  
7 tine installation that can be completed not later  
8 than 10 business days after the date on which  
9 the service request is submitted.

10 **“SEC. 802. BROADBAND MAPS.**

11 “(a) RULES.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
13 after the date of enactment of this title, the Com-  
14 mission shall issue rules that shall—

15 “(A) require the collection and dissemina-  
16 tion of granular data, as determined by the  
17 Commission—

18 “(i) relating to the availability and  
19 quality of service of terrestrial fixed, fixed  
20 wireless, satellite, and mobile broadband  
21 internet access service; and

22 “(ii) that the Commission shall use to  
23 compile the maps created under subsection  
24 (c)(1) (referred to in this section as ‘cov-

1 erage maps’), which the Commission shall  
2 make publicly available; and

3 “(B) establish—

4 “(i) processes through which the Com-  
5 mission can verify the accuracy of data  
6 submitted under subsection (b)(2);

7 “(ii) processes and procedures  
8 through which the Commission, and, as  
9 necessary, other entities or persons submit-  
10 ting non-public or competitively sensitive  
11 information under this title, can protect  
12 the security, privacy, and confidentiality of  
13 such non-public or competitively sensitive  
14 information, including—

15 “(I) information contained in the  
16 Fabric;

17 “(II) the dataset created under  
18 subsection (b)(1)(A) supporting the  
19 Fabric; and

20 “(III) the data submitted under  
21 subsection (b)(2);

22 “(iii) the challenge process described  
23 in subsection (b)(5); and

24 “(iv) the process described in section  
25 803(b).

1           “(2) OTHER DATA.—In issuing the rules under  
2 paragraph (1), the Commission shall develop a pro-  
3 cess through which the Commission can collect  
4 verified data for use in the coverage maps from—

5           “(A) State, local, and Tribal governmental  
6 entities that are primarily responsible for map-  
7 ping or tracking broadband internet access  
8 service coverage for a State, unit of local gov-  
9 ernment, or Indian Tribe, as applicable;

10           “(B) third parties, including industry anal-  
11 ysis, mapping, or tracking of broadband inter-  
12 net access service coverage and quality of serv-  
13 ice, if the Commission determines that it is in  
14 the public interest to use such data in—

15           “(i) the development of the coverage  
16 maps; or

17           “(ii) the verification of data submitted  
18 under subsection (b); and

19           “(C) other Federal agencies.

20           “(3) UPDATES.—The Commission shall revise  
21 the rules issued under paragraph (1) to—

22           “(A) reflect changes in technology;

23           “(B) ensure the accuracy of propagation  
24 models, as further provided in subsection  
25 (b)(3); and

1                   “(C) improve the usefulness of the cov-  
2                   erage maps.

3                   “(b) CONTENT OF RULES.—

4                   “(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A SERVICEABLE LO-  
5                   CATION FABRIC REGARDING FIXED BROADBAND.—

6                   “(A) DATASET.—

7                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Commission  
8                   shall create a common dataset of all loca-  
9                   tions in the United States where fixed  
10                  broadband internet access service can be  
11                  installed, as determined by the Commis-  
12                  sion.

13                  “(ii) CONTRACTING.—

14                  “(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to  
15                  subclauses (II) and (III), the Commis-  
16                  sion may only contract with an entity  
17                  with expertise with respect to geo-  
18                  graphic information systems (referred  
19                  to in this subsection as ‘GIS’) to cre-  
20                  ate and maintain the dataset under  
21                  clause (i).

22                  “(II) APPLICATION OF THE FED-  
23                  ERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION.—A  
24                  contract into which the Commission  
25                  enters under subclause (I) shall in all



1 respects comply with applicable provi-  
2 sions of the Federal Acquisition Regu-  
3 lation.

4 “(III) LIMITATIONS.—With re-  
5 spect to a contract into which the  
6 Commission enters under subclause  
7 (I)—

8 “(aa) the entity with which  
9 the Commission contracts shall  
10 be selected through a competitive  
11 bid process that is transparent  
12 and open; and

13 “(bb) the contract shall be  
14 for a term of not longer than 5  
15 years, after which the Commis-  
16 sion may enter into a new con-  
17 tract—

18 “(AA) with an entity,  
19 and for the purposes, de-  
20 scribed in clause (i); and

21 “(BB) that complies  
22 with the requirements under  
23 subclause (II) and this sub-  
24 clause.

1           “(B) FABRIC.—The rules issued by the  
2           Commission under subsection (a)(1) shall estab-  
3           lish the Broadband Serviceable Location Fab-  
4           ric, which shall—

5                   “(i) contain geocoded information for  
6                   each location identified under subpara-  
7                   graph (A)(i);

8                   “(ii) serve as the foundation upon  
9                   which all data relating to the availability of  
10                  fixed broadband internet access service col-  
11                  lected under paragraph (2)(A) shall be re-  
12                  ported and overlaid;

13                  “(iii) be compatible with commonly  
14                  used GIS software; and

15                  “(iv) at a minimum, be updated every  
16                  6 months by the Commission.

17           “(C) IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITY.—The  
18           Commission shall prioritize implementing the  
19           Fabric for rural and insular areas of the United  
20           States.

21           “(2) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION.—The  
22           rules issued by the Commission under subsection  
23           (a)(1) shall include uniform standards for the re-  
24           porting of broadband internet access service data  
25           that the Commission shall collect—

1           “(A) from each provider of terrestrial  
2 fixed, fixed wireless, or satellite broadband  
3 internet access service, which shall include data  
4 that—

5           “(i) documents the areas where the  
6 provider—

7           “(I) has actually built out the  
8 broadband network infrastructure of  
9 the provider such that the provider is  
10 able to provide that service; and

11           “(II) could provide that service,  
12 as determined by identifying where  
13 the provider is capable of performing  
14 a standard broadband installation, if  
15 applicable;

16           “(ii) includes information regarding  
17 download and upload speeds, at various  
18 thresholds established by the Commission,  
19 and, if applicable, latency with respect to  
20 broadband internet access service that the  
21 provider makes available;

22           “(iii) can be georeferenced to the GIS  
23 data in the Fabric;

24           “(iv) the provider shall report as—

1 “(I) with respect to providers of  
2 fixed wireless broadband internet ac-  
3 cess service—

4 “(aa) propagation maps and  
5 propagation model details that—

6 “(AA) satisfy standards  
7 that are similar to those ap-  
8 plicable to providers of mo-  
9 bile broadband internet ac-  
10 cess service under subpara-  
11 graph (B) with respect to  
12 propagation maps and prop-  
13 agation model details, taking  
14 into account material dif-  
15 ferences between fixed wire-  
16 less and mobile broadband  
17 internet access service; and

18 “(BB) reflect the  
19 speeds and latency of the  
20 service provided by the pro-  
21 vider; or

22 “(bb) a list of addresses or  
23 locations that constitute the serv-  
24 ice area of the provider, except  
25 that the Commission—

1                   “(AA) may only permit,  
2                   and not require, a provider  
3                   to report the data using that  
4                   means of reporting; and

5                   “(BB) in the rules  
6                   issued under subsection  
7                   (a)(1), shall provide a meth-  
8                   od for using that means of  
9                   reporting with respect to  
10                  Tribal areas; and

11                  “(II) with respect to providers of  
12                  terrestrial fixed and satellite  
13                  broadband internet access service—

14                   “(aa) polygon shapefiles; or

15                   “(bb) a list of addresses or  
16                  locations that constitute the serv-  
17                  ice area of the provider, except  
18                  that the Commission—

19                   “(AA) may only permit,  
20                   and not require, a provider  
21                   to report the data using that  
22                   means of reporting; and

23                   “(BB) in the rules  
24                   issued under subsection  
25                   (a)(1), shall provide a meth-

1 od for using that means of  
2 reporting with respect to  
3 Tribal areas; and

4 “(v) the Commission determines is ap-  
5 propriate with respect to certain tech-  
6 nologies in order to ensure that the  
7 Broadband Map is granular and accurate;  
8 and

9 “(B) from each provider of mobile  
10 broadband internet access service, which shall  
11 include propagation maps, and propagation  
12 model details, that indicate the current (as of  
13 the date on which the information is collected)  
14 fourth generation Long-Term Evolution (com-  
15 monly referred to as ‘4G LTE’) mobile  
16 broadband internet access service coverage of  
17 the provider, which shall—

18 “(i) take into consideration the effect  
19 of clutter; and

20 “(ii) satisfy—

21 “(I) the requirements of hav-  
22 ing—

23 “(aa) a download speed of  
24 not less than 5 megabits per sec-  
25 ond and an upload speed of not

1 less than 1 megabit per second  
2 with a cell edge probability of not  
3 less than 90 percent; and

4 “(bb) cell loading of not less  
5 than 50 percent; and

6 “(II) any other parameter that  
7 the Commission determines to be nec-  
8 essary to create a map under sub-  
9 section (c)(1)(C) that is more precise  
10 than the map produced as a result of  
11 the submissions under the Mobility  
12 Fund Phase II information collection.

13 “(3) UPDATE OF REPORTING STANDARDS FOR  
14 MOBILE BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE.—  
15 For the purposes of paragraph (2)(B), if the Com-  
16 mission determines that the reporting standards  
17 under that paragraph are insufficient to collect accu-  
18 rate propagation maps and propagation model de-  
19 tails with respect to future generations of mobile  
20 broadband internet access service technologies, the  
21 Commission shall immediately commence a rule-  
22 making to adopt new reporting standards with re-  
23 spect to those technologies that—

1           “(A) shall be the functional equivalent of  
2           the standards required under paragraph (2)(B);  
3           and

4           “(B) allow for the collection of propagation  
5           maps and propagation model details that are as  
6           accurate and granular as, or more accurate and  
7           granular than, the maps and model details col-  
8           lected by the Commission under paragraph  
9           (2)(B).

10          “(4) CERTIFICATION AND VERIFICATION.—

11          With respect to a provider that submits information  
12          to the Commission under paragraph (2)—

13                 “(A) the provider shall include in each sub-  
14                 mission a certification from a corporate officer  
15                 of the provider that the officer has examined  
16                 the information contained in the submission  
17                 and that, to the best of the officer’s actual  
18                 knowledge, information, and belief, all state-  
19                 ments of fact contained in the submission are  
20                 true and correct; and

21                 “(B) the Commission shall verify the accu-  
22                 racy and reliability of the information in ac-  
23                 cordance with measures established by the  
24                 Commission.

25          “(5) CHALLENGE PROCESS.—



1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the rules issued  
2           under subsection (a)(1), and subject to sub-  
3           paragraph (B), the Commission shall establish  
4           a user-friendly challenge process through which  
5           consumers, State, local, and Tribal govern-  
6           mental entities, and other entities or persons  
7           may submit coverage data to the Commission to  
8           challenge the accuracy of—

9                   “(i) the coverage maps;

10                   “(ii) any information submitted by a  
11                   provider regarding the availability of  
12                   broadband internet access service; or

13                   “(iii) the information included in the  
14                   Fabric.

15           “(B) CONSIDERATIONS; VERIFICATION; RE-  
16           SPONSE TO CHALLENGES.—In establishing the  
17           challenge process required under subparagraph  
18           (A), the Commission shall—

19                   “(i) consider—

20                   “(I) the types of information that  
21                   an entity or person submitting a chal-  
22                   lenge should provide to the Commis-  
23                   sion in support of the challenge;

1 “(II) the appropriate level of  
2 granularity for the information de-  
3 scribed in subclause (I);

4 “(III) the need to mitigate the  
5 time and expense incurred by, and the  
6 administrative burdens placed on, en-  
7 tities or persons in—

8 “(aa) challenging the accu-  
9 racy of a coverage map; and

10 “(bb) responding to chal-  
11 lenges described in item (aa);

12 “(IV) the costs to consumers and  
13 providers resulting from a  
14 misallocation of funds because of a re-  
15 liance on outdated or otherwise inac-  
16 curate information in the coverage  
17 maps;

18 “(V) any lessons learned from  
19 the challenge process established  
20 under Mobility Fund Phase II, as de-  
21 termined from comments solicited by  
22 the Commission; and

23 “(VI) the need for user-friendly  
24 challenge submission formats that will

1 promote participation in the challenge  
2 process;

3 “(ii) include a process for verifying  
4 the data submitted through the challenge  
5 process in order to ensure the reliability of  
6 that data;

7 “(iii) allow providers to respond to  
8 challenges submitted through the challenge  
9 process; and

10 “(iv) develop an online mechanism,  
11 which—

12 “(I) shall be integrated into the  
13 coverage maps;

14 “(II) allows for an entity or per-  
15 son described in subparagraph (A) to  
16 submit a challenge under the chal-  
17 lenge process;

18 “(III) makes challenge data  
19 available in both geographic informa-  
20 tion system and non-geographic infor-  
21 mation system formats; and

22 “(IV) clearly identifies the areas  
23 in which broadband internet access  
24 service is available, and the upload  
25 and download speeds at which that

1 service is available, as reported to the  
2 Commission under this section.

3 “(C) USE OF CHALLENGES.—The rules  
4 issued to establish the challenge process under  
5 subparagraph (A) shall include—

6 “(i) a process for the speedy resolu-  
7 tion of challenges; and

8 “(ii) a process for the regular and ex-  
9 peditious updating of the coverage maps  
10 and granular data the Commission dis-  
11 seminate as challenges are resolved.

12 “(D) AUTOMATION TOOL.—Not earlier  
13 than 1 year after, and not later than 18 months  
14 after, the rules issued under subsection (a)(1)  
15 are implemented, the Commission shall, after  
16 an opportunity for notice and comment, submit  
17 to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of  
18 the House of Representatives and the Com-  
19 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
20 tation of the Senate a report that—

21 “(i) evaluates the challenge process;  
22 and

23 “(ii) considers whether the Commis-  
24 sion should amend its rules to create an  
25 automated tool that includes predictive ca-

1 pabilities to identify potential inaccuracies  
2 and features that allow a provider of  
3 broadband internet access service, the  
4 Commission, and the public to visualize the  
5 data relating to broadband internet access  
6 service that the provider reports in order  
7 to improve the accuracy of the data sub-  
8 mitted by the provider.

9 “(6) REFORM OF FORM 477 PROCESS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
11 days after the date on which the rules issued  
12 under subsection (a)(1) take effect, the Com-  
13 mission shall—

14 “(i) reform the Form 477 broadband  
15 deployment service availability collection  
16 process of the Commission to achieve the  
17 purposes of this title and in a manner that  
18 enables the comparison of data and maps  
19 produced before the implementation of this  
20 title with data and coverage maps pro-  
21 duced after the implementation of this title  
22 and maintains the public availability of  
23 broadband deployment service availability  
24 data; and

1           “(ii) harmonize reporting require-  
2           ments and procedures regarding the de-  
3           ployment of broadband internet access  
4           service that, as of the date on which the  
5           rules issued under subsection (a)(1) take  
6           effect, are in effect.

7           “(B) CONTINUED COLLECTION AND RE-  
8           PORTING.—On and after the date on which the  
9           Commission carries out subparagraph (A), the  
10          Commission shall continue to collect and pub-  
11          licly report subscription data that the Commis-  
12          sion collected through the Form 477 broadband  
13          deployment service availability collection proc-  
14          ess, as in effect on July 1, 2019.

15          “(c) MAPS.—The Commission shall—

16               “(1) after consulting with the Federal Geo-  
17               graphic Data Committee established by section  
18               753(a) of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (43  
19               U.S.C. 2802(a)), create—

20                       “(A) the Broadband Map, which shall de-  
21                       pict—

22                               “(i) the extent of the availability of  
23                               broadband internet access service in the  
24                               United States, without regard to whether  
25                               that service is fixed broadband internet ac-

1           cess service or mobile broadband internet  
2           access service, which shall be based on  
3           data collected by the Commission from all  
4           providers; and

5           “(ii) the areas of the United States  
6           that remain unserved by providers;

7           “(B) a map that depicts the availability of  
8           fixed broadband internet access service, which  
9           shall be based on data collected by the Commis-  
10          sion from providers under subsection (b)(2)(A);  
11          and

12          “(C) a map that depicts the availability of  
13          mobile broadband internet access service, which  
14          shall be based on data collected by the Commis-  
15          sion from providers under subsection (b)(2)(B);

16          “(2) use the maps created under paragraph  
17          (1)—

18                 “(A) to determine the areas in which ter-  
19                 restrial fixed, fixed wireless, mobile, and sat-  
20                 ellite broadband internet access service is and is  
21                 not available; and

22                 “(B) when making any new award of fund-  
23                 ing with respect to the deployment of  
24                 broadband internet access service;

1           “(3) update the maps created under paragraph  
2           (1) not less frequently than biannually using the  
3           most recent data collected from providers under sub-  
4           section (b)(2);

5           “(4) make available to all Federal agencies,  
6           upon request, the maps created under paragraph  
7           (1);

8           “(5) establish a process to make the data col-  
9           lected under subsection (b)(2) available to the Na-  
10          tional Telecommunications and Information Admin-  
11          istration; and

12          “(6) make public at an appropriate level of  
13          granularity—

14                 “(A) the maps created under paragraph  
15                 (1); and

16                 “(B) the data collected by the Commission  
17                 with respect to broadband internet access serv-  
18                 ice availability and quality of service.

19          “(d) DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE OF QUALITY OF  
20          SERVICE RULES.—Any requirement of a rule relating to  
21          quality of service issued under subsection (a)(1) shall take  
22          effect not earlier than the date that is 180 days after the  
23          date on which the Commission issues such rule.



1 **“SEC. 803. IMPROVING DATA ACCURACY.**

2       “(a) AUDITS.—The Commission shall conduct reg-  
3 ular audits of information submitted to the Commission  
4 by providers under section 802(b)(2) to ensure that the  
5 providers are complying with this title.

6       “(b) CROWDSOURCING.—

7           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall—

8               “(A) develop a process through which enti-  
9 ties or persons in the United States may submit  
10 specific information about the deployment and  
11 availability of broadband internet access service  
12 in the United States on an ongoing basis so  
13 that the information may be used to verify and  
14 supplement information provided by providers  
15 of broadband internet access service for inclu-  
16 sion in the maps created under section  
17 802(c)(1); and

18               “(B) update the maps created under sec-  
19 tion 802(c)(1) on no less than an annual cycle  
20 based on the information received through such  
21 process.

22           “(2) COLLABORATION.—As part of the efforts  
23 of the Commission to facilitate the ability of entities  
24 or persons to submit information under paragraph  
25 (1), the Commission shall—

1           “(A) prioritize the consideration of data  
2           provided by data collection applications used by  
3           consumers that the Commission has deter-  
4           mined—

5                   “(i) are highly reliable; and

6                   “(ii) have proven methodologies for  
7           determining network coverage and network  
8           performance; and

9           “(B) coordinate with the Postmaster Gen-  
10          eral, or the heads of other Federal agencies  
11          that operate delivery fleet vehicles, to facilitate  
12          the submission of specific information by the  
13          United States Postal Service or such other  
14          agencies under paragraph (1).

15          “(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIAN TRIBES.—

16                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
17          the Commission shall hold annual workshops for  
18          Tribal governments to provide technical assistance  
19          with the collection and submission of data under sec-  
20          tion 802(a)(2)(A).

21                 “(2) ANNUAL REVIEW.—Each year, the Com-  
22          mission, in consultation with Indian Tribes, shall re-  
23          view the need for continued workshops required  
24          under paragraph (1).

1           “(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL SERVICE  
2 PROVIDERS.—The Commission shall establish a process  
3 through which a provider that has fewer than 100,000 ac-  
4 tive broadband internet access service connections may re-  
5 quest and receive assistance from the Commission with re-  
6 spect to geographic information system data processing to  
7 ensure that the provider is able to comply with the rules  
8 issued under section 802(a)(1) in a timely and accurate  
9 manner.

10           “(e) GAO ASSESSMENT OF FABRIC SOURCE DATA.—

11           “(1) ASSESSMENT.—The Comptroller General  
12 of the United States shall conduct an assessment of  
13 key data sources that are used for purposes of the  
14 Fabric to identify and geocode locations where fixed  
15 broadband internet access service can be installed, in  
16 order to develop recommendations for how the qual-  
17 ity and completeness of such data sources can be im-  
18 proved as data sources for the Fabric. Data sources  
19 to be assessed shall include any sources of relevant  
20 Federal data, including the National Address Data-  
21 base administered by the Department of Transpor-  
22 tation, State- and county-level digitized parcel data,  
23 and property tax record tax attribute recording.

24           “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
25 date of the enactment of this title, the Comptroller

1 General shall submit to the Committee on Energy  
2 and Commerce of the House of Representatives and  
3 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-  
4 portation of the Senate a report containing the rec-  
5 ommendations developed in the assessment under  
6 paragraph (1).

7 “(f) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO CONSUMERS AND  
8 STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTI-  
9 TIES.—The Commission shall provide technical assistance  
10 to consumers and State, local, and Tribal governmental  
11 entities with respect to the challenge process established  
12 under section 802(b)(5), which shall include—

13 “(1) detailed tutorials and webinars; and

14 “(2) making available staff of the Commission  
15 to provide assistance, as needed, throughout the en-  
16 tirety of the challenge process.

17 **“SEC. 804. COST.**

18 “(a) LIMITATION.—The Commission may not use  
19 funds from the universal service programs of the Commis-  
20 sion established under section 254, and the regulations  
21 issued under that section, to carry out this title.

22 “(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
23 is authorized to be appropriated to the Commission to  
24 carry out this title—

25 “(1) \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2021; and

1           “(2) \$9,000,000 for each of the fiscal years  
2           2022 through 2028.

3   **“SEC. 805. OTHER PROVISIONS.**

4           “(a) OMB.—Notwithstanding any other provision of  
5 law, the initial rulemaking required under section  
6 802(a)(1) shall be exempt from review by the Office of  
7 Management and Budget.

8           “(b) PRA.—Chapter 35 of title 44, United States  
9 Code (commonly known as the ‘Paperwork Reduction  
10 Act’) shall not apply to the initial rulemaking required  
11 under section 802(a)(1).

12          “(c) EXECUTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.—Except,  
13 with respect to an entity that is not the Universal Service  
14 Administrative Company, as provided in sections  
15 802(a)(2)(B), 802(b)(1)(A)(ii), and 803(d), the Commis-  
16 sion—

17           “(1) including the offices of the Commission,  
18 shall carry out the responsibilities assigned to the  
19 Commission under this title; and

20           “(2) may not delegate any of the responsibil-  
21 ities assigned to the Commission under this title to  
22 any third party, including the Universal Service Ad-  
23 ministrative Company.

24          “(d) REPORTING.—Each fiscal year, the Commission  
25 shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and

1 Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on En-  
2 ergy and Commerce of the House of Representatives a re-  
3 port that summarizes the implementation of this title and  
4 associated enforcement activities conducted during the  
5 previous fiscal year.”.