

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
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Page 7, strike line 17 and all that follows through page 13, line 6, and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 3312. FUNDING FOR E-RATE SUPPORT FOR EMER-**
2 **GENCY EDUCATIONAL CONNECTIONS AND**
3 **DEVICES.**

4 (a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—The Commission
5 shall use support from amounts made available from the
6 Emergency Connectivity Fund, established under sub-
7 section (b) for purposes of carrying out section 254(h) of
8 the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)) and
9 its existing regulations for an eligible school or library.

10 (b) EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND.—

11 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in
12 the Treasury of the United States a fund to be
13 known as the “Emergency Connectivity Fund”.

14 (2) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated to
15 the Emergency Connectivity Fund for fiscal year
16 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not other-
17 wise appropriated—

1 (A) \$7,599,000,000, to remain available
2 until September 30, 2030, for the purposes of
3 carrying out section 254(h) of the Communica-
4 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)) and its
5 existing regulations for an eligible school or li-
6 brary.

7 (B) \$1,000,000, to remain available until
8 September 30, 2030, for the Inspector General
9 of the Commission to conduct oversight of sup-
10 port provided under subsection (b).

11 (3) RELATIONSHIP TO UNIVERSAL SERVICE
12 CONTRIBUTIONS.—Support provided shall be pro-
13 vided from amounts made available from the Emer-
14 gency Connectivity Fund and not from contributions
15 under section 254(d) of the Communications Act of
16 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(d)).

17 (j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) ADVANCED TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND IN-
19 FORMATION SERVICES.—The term “advanced tele-
20 communications and information services” means
21 advanced telecommunications and information serv-
22 ices, as such term is used in section 254(h) of the
23 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)).

24 (2) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
25 means the Federal Communications Commission.

1 (3) COVID-19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The term
2 “COVID-19 Emergency Period” means a period
3 that—

4 (A) begins on the date of a determination
5 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
6 pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) that a public
8 health emergency exists as a result of COVID-
9 19; and

10 (B) ends on the June 30 that first occurs
11 after the date that is 1 year after the date on
12 which such determination (including any re-
13 newal thereof) terminates.

14 (4) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL OR LIBRARY.—the term
15 “eligible school or library” means an elementary
16 school, secondary school, or library (including a
17 Tribal elementary school, Tribal secondary school, or
18 Tribal library) eligible for support under paragraphs
19 (1)(B) and (2) of section 254(h) of the Communica-
20 tions act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 254(h)), provided such
21 school is providing in-person instruction 5 days per
22 week, and provided that such library is open for in
23 person patronage 5 days per week.

1 (5) EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND.—The
2 term “Emergency Connectivity Fund” means the
3 fund established under subsection (b)(1).

