

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4032**

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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Open RAN Outreach
3 Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL
5 PROVIDERS REGARDING OPEN RAN NET-
6 WORKS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary shall con-
8 duct outreach and provide technical assistance to small
9 communications network providers—

10 (1) to raise awareness regarding the uses, bene-
11 fits, and shortcomings of Open RAN networks and
12 other open network architectures; and

13 (2) regarding participation in the Wireless Sup-
14 ply Chain Innovation Grant Program established
15 under section 9202(a)(1) of the William M. (Mac)
16 Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
17 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283).

18 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY.—The term “Assist-
2 ant Secretary” means the Assistant Secretary of
3 Commerce for Communications and Information,
4 acting through the head of the Office of Internet
5 Connectivity and Growth.

6 (2) OPEN NETWORK ARCHITECTURE.—The
7 term “open network architecture” means Open RAN
8 networks and other network elements that follow a
9 set of published open standards for multi-vendor
10 network equipment interoperability, including open
11 core and open transport.

12 (3) OPEN RAN NETWORK.—The term “Open
13 RAN network” means a wireless network that fol-
14 lows the Open Radio Access Network approach to
15 standardization adopted by the O-RAN Alliance,
16 Telecom Infra Project, or Third Generation Partner-
17 ship Project (3GPP), or any similar set of published
18 open standards for multi-vendor network equipment
19 interoperability.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide out-
reach and technical assistance to small providers regard-
ing Open RAN networks, and for other purposes.”.

