

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report regarding the E-rate program of the Federal Communications Commission.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.**

**S. 2644**

To reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission for fiscal years 2017 and 2018, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. DAINES

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . GAO REPORT RELATING TO THE E-RATE PRO-**  
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
6 of the United States shall submit to the appropriate con-  
7 gressional committees a report on the E-rate program of  
8 the Commission set forth under subpart F of part 54 of  
9 title 47, Code of Federal Regulations (in this section re-  
10 ferred to as the “E-rate program”).

1 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under sub-  
2 section (a) shall include—

3 (1) a review of the Second E-rate Moderniza-  
4 tion Order adopted by the Commission on December  
5 11, 2014 (FCC 14–189) and the results of the  
6 order, including—

7 (A) whether the order has improved Inter-  
8 net connectivity, including high-speed  
9 broadband and Wi-Fi, for schools and libraries;

10 (B) whether the order has led to the provi-  
11 sion of additional funding to schools and librar-  
12 ies;

13 (C) the number of students and other indi-  
14 viduals impacted;

15 (D) whether the order has resulted in over-  
16 building and the duplication of facilities already  
17 in existence, and if so, the reason why; and

18 (E) whether effective safeguards are in  
19 place to avoid overbuilding and the duplication  
20 of facilities already in existence;

21 (2) a determination as to what gaps still exist  
22 in Internet connectivity, including high-speed  
23 broadband and Wi-Fi, for schools and libraries; and

24 (3) recommendations as to how the E-rate pro-  
25 gram can be improved to better provide Internet

- 1 connectivity, including high-speed broadband and
- 2 Wi-Fi, for schools and libraries.