

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 to clarify certain matters relating to State funding, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Assisting Broadband
5 Connectivity Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE FUNDING UNDER RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE**
7 **PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECTS THAT RECEIVE
9 STATE FUNDING.—Title VII of the Rural Electrification

1 Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 950cc et seq.) is amended by adding
2 at the end the following:

3 **“SEC. 704. ELIGIBILITY OF PROJECTS THAT RECEIVE**
4 **STATE FUNDING.**

5 “In administering any broadband or telecommuni-
6 cations program, the Secretary, acting through the Ad-
7 ministrator of the Rural Utilities Service, shall not deter-
8 mine that a project is ineligible for funding because the
9 project has received funding from a State.”.

10 (b) STATE FUNDS TO SATISFY MATCHING REQUIRE-
11 MENTS.—For purposes of any matching funds require-
12 ment under any program administered by the Secretary
13 of Agriculture, acting through the Administrator of the
14 Rural Utilities Service, an applicant for funding under
15 that program may use funds received from a State pro-
16 gram (including funds received by a State from the Fed-
17 eral Government) to satisfy the matching funds require-
18 ment.