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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. CARSON, Mr. LYNCH, and Mrs. HAYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## 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 “Home Internet Acces-  
5       sibility Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON THE CAPAC-**  
2 **ITY OF FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING TO**  
3 **SUPPORT BROADBAND SERVICE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
6 of the United States shall submit to Congress a report  
7 on the capacity of federally assisted housing to support  
8 broadband service.

9 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-  
10 section (a) shall include—

11 (1) an analysis that identifies which federally  
12 assisted housing has access to broadband service and  
13 which such housing does not have access to  
14 broadband service, disaggregated by State, congres-  
15 sional district, ZIP Code, and census tract, that in-  
16 cludes demographic information and any Federal  
17 agency responsible for such housing;

18 (2) an analysis of which such housing does not  
19 currently have the capacity to support broadband  
20 service deployment and would require retrofitting to  
21 support broadband service deployment,  
22 disaggregated by State, congressional district, ZIP  
23 Code, and census tract, that includes demographic  
24 information and any Federal agency responsible for  
25 such housing;

1           (3) an analysis of the estimated costs and time-  
2       frame necessary for all federally assisted housing to  
3       have the capacity to support broadband service;

4           (4) an analysis of the challenges to more wide-  
5       spread deployment of broadband service, including  
6       the comparative market dynamics to expansion in  
7       rural areas and low-income urban and suburban  
8       areas, and the challenges to pursuing retrofits for all  
9       federally assisted housing to have the capacity to  
10      support broadband service;

11          (5) descriptions of lessons learned from pre-  
12      vious retrofitting actions;

13          (6) an evaluation of the ConnectHome pilot  
14      program of the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-  
15      velopment; and

16          (7) recommendations for Congress to allow for  
17      all federally assisted housing to have the capacity to  
18      support broadband service under a range of specific  
19      projected timelines.

20 **SEC. 3. PLAN FOR BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY IN FEDER-**  
21 **ALLY ASSISTED HOUSING.**

22      (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and  
23      Urban Development, in consultation with the Comptroller  
24      General and other relevant heads of Federal agencies,  
25      shall—

1           (1) develop a plan for retrofitting federally as-  
2           sisted housing, as necessary, to support broadband  
3           service; and

4           (2) submit such plan to the Congress not later  
5           than 18 months after the date of the enactment of  
6           this Act.

7           (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

8           (1) BROADBAND SERVICE.—The term  
9           “broadband service” has the meaning given the term  
10          “broadband internet access service” in section 8.1(b)  
11          of title 47, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-  
12          cessor regulation.

13          (2) FEDERALLY ASSISTED HOUSING.—The  
14          term “federally assisted housing” means any dwell-  
15          ing that constitutes or contains a housing unit that  
16          is assisted under a program administered by the  
17          Secretary of Housing and Urban Development or the  
18          Secretary of Agriculture.

19          (3) STATE.—The term “State” means each  
20          State of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
21          Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American  
22          Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern  
23          Mariana Islands.

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