
Highlight of broadband provisions in the Heroes Act

H.R. 6800 passed the House on May 15, 2020

- 1 E-Rate:** Provides \$1.5 billion through the FCC's E-Rate program for schools and libraries to purchase hotspots, connected devices, and connectivity-related equipment to support distance learning
- 2 Lifeline:** Provides \$4 billion to fund \$50/month for low-income families already eligible for the FCC's Lifeline program and those who have been laid off or furloughed to pay their internet service bills
- 3 Continuation of service:** Bars telephone and broadband providers from stopping service for consumers unable to pay during the emergency
- 4 Mental health crisis hotline:** Designates 9-8-8 as the nationwide suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline
- 5 Incarcerated persons' connectivity:** Reduces the rates that incarcerated persons pay to use connectivity services
- 6 First responders:** Ensures that first responders have access to the airwaves they need for communication, particularly on the T-Band