

S. 3199
Luján - Substitute (modified)

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AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 2d Sess.

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To establish a multi-stakeholder advisory committee tasked with providing detailed recommendations to address challenges to transmitting geolocation information with calls to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, 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 IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO)

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:
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3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “988 Lifeline Location
5 Improvement Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) 911 SYSTEM SERVICE PROVIDER.—The
9 term “911 system service provider” has the meaning
10 given the term “covered 911 service provider” in

1 section 9.19(a)(4) of title 47, Code of Federal Regu-
2 lations, or any successor regulation.

3 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
4 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
5 gress” means—

6 (A) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
7 and Transportation of the Senate;

8 (B) the Committee on Health, Education,
9 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

10 (C) the Committee on Energy and Com-
11 merce of the House of Representatives.

12 (3) DISPATCHABLE LOCATION.—The term
13 “dispatchable location” has the meaning given that
14 term in section 9.3 of title 47, Code of Federal Reg-
15 ulations, or any successor regulation.

16 (4) EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER.—
17 The term “emergency communications center”
18 means—

19 (A) a facility that is designed to receive a
20 911 request for emergency assistance; or

21 (B) a public safety answering point, as de-
22 fined in section 9.3 of title 47, Code of Federal
23 Regulations, or any successor regulation.

24 (5) TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PRO-
25 VIDER.—The term “telecommunications service pro-

1 vider” has the meaning given the term “service pro-
2 vider” in section 52.5(e) of title 47, Code of Federal
3 Regulations, or any successor regulation.

4 **SEC. 3. NOTICE OF INQUIRY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the
6 date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communica-
7 tions Commission shall initiate a notice of inquiry to ad-
8 dress the challenges to transmitting geolocation informa-
9 tion with calls to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

10 (b) EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS.—In evaluating
11 responses to the notice of inquiry under subsection (a),
12 the Federal Communications Commission shall consider—

13 (1) legal authorities with respect to mandating
14 the transmission of geolocation information, includ-
15 ing dispatchable location information, with calls to
16 the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline;

17 (2) the protection of consumer privacy with re-
18 spect to mandating the transmission of geolocation
19 information, including dispatchable location informa-
20 tion, with calls to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Life-
21 line;

22 (3) the feasibility and technical implementation
23 standards for telecommunications service providers,
24 911 system service providers, public safety answer-
25 ing points, and local crisis centers with respect to

1 mandating the transmission of geolocation informa-
2 tion;

3 (4) an assessment of the potential costs, fund-
4 ing requirements, and options for recovery of costs
5 for telecommunications service providers, the 988
6 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, the Veterans Crisis Line,
7 and local crisis centers with respect to mandating
8 the transmission of geolocation information;

9 (5) technical challenges associated with man-
10 dating the transmission of geolocation information
11 for users who access the 988 American Sign Lan-
12 guage line through direct video calling and video
13 relay service; and

14 (6) the technologies currently available to pro-
15 vide dispatchable location information and methods
16 for transferring location information from 988 cen-
17 ters to 911 centers.

18 **SEC. 4. GAO REPORT.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
21 of the United States shall conduct a study and submit to
22 the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the
23 opportunities and challenges related to implementing
24 geolocation for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, includ-
25 ing—

1 (1) policy considerations regarding consumer
2 privacy and legal authority with respect to man-
3 dating transmission of geolocation information, in-
4 cluding dispatchable location information, with calls
5 to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline;

6 (2) technical implementation standards for tele-
7 communications service providers, 911 system serv-
8 ice providers, emergency communications centers,
9 and local crisis centers; and

10 (3) the potential recovery of costs or additional
11 funding requirements for telecommunications service
12 providers, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, the
13 Veterans Crisis Line, and local crisis centers.

14 (b) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under
15 subsection (a), the Comptroller General of the United
16 States shall consult with—

17 (1) representatives from—

18 (A) telecommunications service providers
19 or organizations that represent telecommuni-
20 cations service providers;

21 (B) handset manufacturers or organiza-
22 tions that represent handset manufacturers;

23 (C) emergency communications centers or
24 organizations that represent emergency commu-
25 nications centers;

1 (D) 911 system service providers or orga-
2 nizations that represent 911 system service pro-
3 viders;

4 (E) State government, including those rep-
5 resenting low population States;

6 (F) local government, including those rep-
7 resenting small and rural communities;

8 (G) the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline;

9 (H) local crisis centers or organizations
10 that represent local crisis centers;

11 (I) the Veterans Crisis Line;

12 (J) the Substance Abuse and Mental
13 Health Services Administration;

14 (K) mental health services organizations;
15 and

16 (L) community mental health centers; and

17 (2) individuals with experience providing serv-
18 ices for people who are deaf or hard of hearing or
19 have hearing loss, such as providing access to the
20 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline through direct video
21 calling and video relay service.