

A Bill to Protect Minors Who Are Victims or Witnesses of Crimes

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** In a national extension of “Riley’s Law” in Colorado, the names of minors
2 who are victims or witnesses to crimes shall not be released to the public.

3 **SECTION 2.** Definitions:

4 A. “Riley’s Law” shall be defined as the Colorado legislation that prohibits
5 minors' names from being released in media and was signed into law on
6 May 23rd, 2023 by Governor Jared Polis after a previous unanimous vote in
7 the Colorado legislature.

8 B. Media outlets shall be defined as publications or broadcasts that store
9 and deliver information such as print media, publishing, the news media,
10 photography, cinema, broadcasting, and advertisement.

11 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Justice and Federal Communications Commission
12 will oversee this.

13 A. Local law enforcement will be penalized for releasing minors’ names to
14 media outlets with a funding cut of 25% of all federal grants for every
15 infraction.

16 B. Media outlets that release minors’ names will receive a fine of
17 \$1,000,000 for every infraction.

18 C. Money received from this fine will be allocated to federal child welfare
19 programs.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
21 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

22 *Submitted by Air Academy High School*

A Bill To Prohibit Employers From Using Tips As A Credit Against The State’s Minimum Wage To Ensure Fair Compensation For Tipped Employees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Employers are prohibited from using tips as a credit against the state’s
2 minimum wage. All tipped employees must receive the full state minimum
3 wage in addition to any tips earned.

4 **SECTION 2.** No employer or agent shall collect, take, or receive any gratuity or a part
5 thereof that is paid, given to, or left for an employee by a patron, or deduct
6 any amount from wages due an employee on account of a gratuity, or
7 require an employee to credit the amount, or any part thereof, of a gratuity
8 against and as a part of the wages due the employee from the employer.
9 Every gratuity is hereby declared to be the sole property of the employee or
10 employees to whom it was paid, given, or left for. An employer that permits
11 patrons to pay gratuities by credit card shall pay the employees the full
12 amount of the gratuity that the patron indicated on the credit card slip,
13 without any deductions for any credit card payment processing fees or costs
14 that may be charged to the employer by the credit card company. Payment
15 of gratuities made by patrons using credit cards shall be made to the
16 employees not later than the next regular payday following the date the
17 patron authorized the credit card payment.

18 **SECTION 3.** “Tip credit” refers to the practice of allowing an employer to count a portion
19 of an employee's tips toward meeting the employer's obligation to pay the
20 minimum wage.

21 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement of this policy.
22 A. Employers found violating this policy will be subject to a fine of \$5,000
23 per offense and will be required to return the amount of the deducted tips to
24 the employee.
25 B. The Department of Labor will conduct regular audits to ensure
26 compliance.

27 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
28 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cheyenne Mountain High School.

A Bill to Limit the Misuse of Artificial Intelligence in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Under the passage of this legislation, the United States Federal government
2 will gain the ability to limit the use of Artificial Intelligence only to certain
3 corporations, groups, or individuals who qualify for either of the
4 circumstances discussed in this bill.

5 **SECTION 2.** The circumstances/reasoning that qualify anybody for the usage of
6 Artificial intelligence include research and development within the fields of
7 medicine, quantum computing, semiconductor production, and forensic
8 research.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice possesses sufficient resources and law
10 enforcement to enforce this law, thus they will be tasked with moderating
11 and approving the usage of Artificial Development within the United
12 States. The Department of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security
13 Agency will also be assigned the task of ensuring that individuals and
14 corporations are not illegally using Artificial Intelligence through the
15 utilization of online monitoring and surveillance for unapproved Artificial
16 Intelligence usage.

17 A. This is a national law that all states must follow.

18 B. Failure to comply with the law will result in fines of upwards of
19 \$10,000. Repeating offenders might face a prison sentence of upwards
20 of 10 years.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

22 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pine Creek High School.

A Bill to Update Service and Emotional Support Animal Registration

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Federal registration shall be required for all Service and Emotional Support
2 Animals. Federal registration shall require a statement of need from a
3 licensed medical or healthcare professional, as well as a certificate of
4 training from a licensed trainer.

5 **SECTION 2.** Service Animals shall be defined as an animal trained to carry out specific
6 tasks to assist a person with a disability.

7 Emotional Support Animals shall be defined as an animal that provides
8 services that have a beneficial effect on a person with a psychological
9 condition.

10 A licensed medical/healthcare professional shall be defined as a provider of
11 healthcare treatment and advice based on formal training.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice in conjunction with The United States Access
13 Board shall oversee the enforcement of this bill.

14 A. Owners of Service and Emotional Support Animals shall be required to
15 present proof of registration to any on duty employee or law
16 enforcement officer.

17 B. If an owner cannot provide proof of registration upon request, they
18 could be asked to leave the premises, and be subjected to a fine of up
19 to \$1,000.

20 C. The funding for this bill will be determined by a Congressional
21 Committee created to assess the funding needed in order to issue the
22 required registration at no cost to the registrant.

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2025.

24 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Restrict the Usage of E-cigarettes and Vapes in Public Outdoor Spaces

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Under the passage of this legislation that it will be illegal for individuals to
3 use e-cigarettes, vaping devices, or other smokeless tobacco products in
4 outdoor spaces where there is or likely to be a high volume of people.

5 **SECTION 2.** High volume outdoor spaces will be defined as doorway areas where
6 people go in and out of a public building, outdoor sporting events and
7 concerts, as well as public parks and playgrounds.

8 **SECTION 3.** Local city and county public officials and police will enforce the law,
9 issuing tickets and/or fines as necessary.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on November 30, 2024. All laws in conflict
11 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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13 Submitted by Colorado Academy