HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE EISCHEID

Introduced: 1/23/26
Referred: Education, Judiciary

A RESOLUTION

Calling on the United States Congress to pass the Kids Online Safety Act.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS children and adolescents increasingly use online platforms, social media, games, messaging applications, and video streaming services as integral parts of education, communication, and social interaction; and

WHEREAS these digital technologies offer benefits but also expose minors to significant risks that include exposure to harmful content, harassment, addictive design features, compromised privacy, mental health harms, and exploitation; and

WHEREAS numerous studies and public testimony to the United States Congress have documented the associations between excessive online exposure and adverse outcomes in children and adolescents, which include depression, anxiety, eating disorders, cyberbullying, and self-harm; and

WHEREAS current federal law does not require online platforms to implement comprehensive design safeguards to prevent foreseeable harm to individuals under 17 years of age; and

WHEREAS S. 1748, the Kids Online Safety Act, has been introduced in the 119th

United States Congress and would require covered online platforms to implement tools and safeguards, including default privacy protections, limits on compulsive design features, and options to opt out of harmful algorithmic recommendations, that would protect users under 17 years of age; and

WHEREAS S. 1748 would prohibit market or product research on children under 13 years of age and restrict market or product research on minors who are 13 to 16 years of age to only those minors whose parent provides consent, which would reduce data collection and tracking practices that leverage the personal information of an individual under 17 years of age; and

WHEREAS S. 1748 would provide parents with accessible and easy-to-use tools to manage and monitor privacy settings, restrict purchases and screen time, and report harms observed on platforms; and

WHEREAS the transparency requirements of S. 1748 would help families and policymakers understand how platforms interact with minors and would include independent audits and public reporting on usage and efforts to mitigate harm; and

WHEREAS the enforcement provisions of S. 1748 would create accountability for compliance and ensure consistent application of safety standards through the Federal Trade Commission and state attorneys general; and

WHEREAS S. 1748 establishes a Kids Online Safety Council to advise the United States Congress on emerging risks to minors and best practices to protect minors' well-being online; and

WHEREAS passing S. 1748 would affirm the United States Congress's commitment to protecting the privacy, safety, and mental health of children and adolescents in an increasingly digital world;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully calls on the United States Congress and the President of the United States to pass S. 1748, the Kids Online Safety Act, and sign it into law to enhance protections for children and adolescents on online platforms.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of the United States; the Honorable JD Vance, Vice President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker of the U.S. House of

Representatives; the Honorable Chuck Grassley, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable John Thune, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the 119th United States Congress.