

115 TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 3186

To establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 11, 2017

Ms. Tsongas (for herself, Mr. Tipton, Ms. Degette, and Ms. Stefanik) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, and for other purposes.

- 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 "Every Kid Outdoors
- 5 Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.
- 7 In this Act:
- 8 (1) Federal land and waters.—The term
- 9 "Federal land and waters" means any Federal land

| 1 | or body of water under the jurisdiction of any of the |
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| 2 | Secretaries to which the public has access. |
| 3 | (2) Program.—The term "program" means |
| 4 | the Every Kid Outdoors program established under |
| 5 | section 3(a). |
| 6 | (3) Secretaries.—The term "Secretaries" |
| 7 | means— |
| 8 | (A) the Secretary of the Interior, acting |
| 9 | through— |
| 10 | (i) the Director of the National Park |
| 11 | Service; |
| 12 | (ii) the Director of the United States |
| 13 | Fish and Wildlife Service; |
| 14 | (iii) the Director of the Bureau of |
| 15 | Land Management; and |
| 16 | (iv) the Commissioner of Reclamation; |
| 17 | (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting |
| 18 | through the Chief of the Forest Service; |
| 19 | (C) the Secretary of Commerce, acting |
| 20 | through the Administrator of the National Oce- |
| 21 | anic and Atmospheric Administration; and |
| 22 | (D) the Secretary of the Army, acting |
| 23 | through the Chief of Engineers of the Corps of |
| 24 | Engineers. |

| 1 | (4) STUDENTS.—The term "students" means |
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| 2 | students in grade 4. |
| 3 | SEC. 3. EVERY KID OUTDOORS PROGRAM. |
| 4 | (a) Establishment.—The Secretaries shall jointly |
| 5 | establish a program, to be known as the "Every Kid Out- |
| 6 | doors program", to provide free access to Federal land and |
| 7 | waters for students and accompanying individuals in ac- |
| 8 | cordance with this section. |
| 9 | (b) Annual Passes.— |
| 10 | (1) IN GENERAL.—On request of a student, the |
| 11 | Secretaries shall issue a pass to the student, which |
| 12 | shall allow access to Federal land and waters free of |
| 13 | charge for the student and— |
| 14 | (A) in the case of a per-vehicle fee area— |
| 15 | (i) any passengers accompanying the |
| 16 | student in a private, noncommercial vehi- |
| 17 | cle; or |
| 18 | (ii) not more than 3 adults accom- |
| 19 | panying the student on bicycles; or |
| 20 | (B) in the case of a per-person fee area |
| 21 | not more than 3 adults accompanying the stu- |
| 22 | dent. |
| 23 | (2) Term.—A pass described in paragraph (1) |
| 24 | shall be effective during the period beginning or |

| 1 | September 1 and ending on August 30 of the fol- |
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| 2 | lowing year. |
| 3 | (3) Presence of a student in grade four |
| 4 | REQUIRED.—A pass described in paragraph (1) shall |
| 5 | be effective only if the student to which the pass was |
| 6 | issued is present at the point of entry to the applica- |
| 7 | ble Federal land or water. |
| 8 | (c) Other Activities.—In carrying out the pro- |
| 9 | gram, the Secretaries— |
| 10 | (1) may collaborate with State Park systems |
| 11 | that opt to implement a complementary Every Kid |
| 12 | Outdoors State park pass; |
| 13 | (2) shall maintain a publicly available website |
| 14 | with information about the program; |
| 15 | (3) may provide visitor services for the pro- |
| 16 | gram; and |
| 17 | (4) may support approved partners of the Fed- |
| 18 | eral land and waters by providing the partners with |
| 19 | opportunities to participate in the program. |
| 20 | (d) Reports.— |
| 21 | (1) In general.—The Secretaries shall jointly |
| 22 | prepare a report each year describing— |
| 23 | (A) the implementation of the program; |

| 1 | (B) the number and geographical distribu- |
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| 2 | tion of students who participated in the pro- |
| 3 | gram; and |
| 4 | (C) the number of passes described in sub- |
| 5 | section (b)(1) that were distributed. |
| 6 | (2) Submission.—The Secretaries shall submit |
| 7 | the report described in paragraph (1) to Congress. |

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