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# H. R. 3186

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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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

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## 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  
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  
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 on

1 September 1 and ending on August 30 of the fol-  
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-  
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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