

115TH CONGRESS
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To establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 a
2 student 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 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.