

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 Representatives; the Honorable Chuck Grassley, President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate; the
2 Honorable John Thune, Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Lisa Murkowski
3 and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S.
4 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; and all other members of the
5 119th United States Congress.