

2025 LEGISLATIVE BILL BOOK

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**A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act for Postpartum Health Coverage Expansion and declaring an emergency. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth
2 Legislature of the State of Texas.

3 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

4 Postpartum Recovery: The period following childbirth during which a mother undergoes physical, emotional, and
5 mental recovery. Health Insurance Coverage: Benefits provided by private or government health insurance plans,
6 including services and items for postpartum care. Sitz Bath: A shallow bath in which only the buttocks and hips are
7 submerged in water, used for perineal care after childbirth to promote healing, reduce swelling, and provide relief
8 from discomfort. Postpartum Compression Garments: Abdominal binders, support belts, and high-waisted
9 compression shorts designed to aid muscle recovery, reduce swelling, and provide pelvic support.

10 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

11 All health insurance plans in Texas, including Medicaid and private insurers, must provide coverage for essential
12 postpartum services for a period of up to 12 months following childbirth or stillbirth, regardless of the type of
13 delivery or any complications experienced. Covered services shall include, but are not limited to, breast pumps
14 (manual and electric), postpartum compression garments, sitz baths, ice packs for perineal care, pelvic floor
15 physical therapy, postnatal vitamins, and up to 12 mental health therapy sessions for postpartum depression,
16 anxiety, and grief counseling related to stillbirth. Administrative fees, co-pays, and deductibles for these services
17 shall be capped at \$25 per visit or service, with no out-of-pocket costs for breast pumps, mental health services, or
18 grief counseling. Access to care must be automatic upon the birth of a child or stillbirth, with no additional
19 documentation or physician referrals required, and insurers must maintain a broad network of postpartum service
20 providers to ensure accessibility across the state, including telehealth options where necessary

21 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

22 Any health insurance provider found to be non-compliant with this act shall be subject to penalties, including fines
23 of up to \$10,000 per violation, and must ensure full coverage for any denied services within 30 days

24 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

25 This act shall take effect ninety days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

26 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

27 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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30 shall remain in full force and effect.

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32 The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency
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34 each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



Author: Austin Mcaulay
District 2

Delegation: Vista Ridge High School
Grade: 11

Bill No. HB026
Committee 8

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED

1 An act to legalize psilocybin therapy in practicing mental health facilities and/or clinics in the state of Texas
2 and declaring an emergency. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

3 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

4 Psilocybin- Naturally occurring chemical found in select species of fungi that can be ingested in order to
5 potentially experience psychedelic hallucinations and an alteration of emotional processing and perceived
6 reality. Therapy- Treatment intended to relieve or heal a disorder. Usually by verbal communication or
7 interaction. Psilocybin Therapy- A form of therapy or treatment that involves standard therapeutic or
8 treatment settings and the use of a hallucinogenic. Mental health- A persons condition with regard to their
9 psychological and emotional well-being. Medical Professional- An individual that is officially licensed or
10 certified to perform the necessary medical procedures within his/her scope of practice.

11 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

12 Shall allow the practice of Psilocybin therapy or treatment in state approved facilities. Substance must be
13 prescribed by a medical professional. Substance shall be required to be taken under controlled conditions
14 within the state approved location. Substance dosage can vary between 0 grams to 3.5 grams of Psilocybin
15 according to prescription. Should a patient undergo psilocybin therapy, qualified facility personal are
16 required to keep supervision.

17 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

18 If an individual is found in possession of medically prescribed hallucinogens outside of facilities, fine of
19 \$2000 issued. Repeat offense is \$5000, further repeated offenses result in \$5000 fine and a 3 day stay in
20 an assigned penitentiary facility. If medical professional is found to improperly supervise an individual
21 whilst they are undergoing a hallucinogenic, issue a 6 month probation period.

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Author: Alex Share
District 4

Delegation: James W. Martin High School
Grade: 11

Bill No. HH064
Committee 2

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED

1 An act lowering English Language Proficiency Standards for program exit for emergent bilingual (EB)
2 students under the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS), and declaring an
3 emergency. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

4 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

5 A.) TELPAS: The Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System- It is a standardized assessment
6 program designed to measure the English language proficiency of students in Texas public schools who are
7 classified as English learners (ELs). B.) Emergent Bilingual (EB): Students in the process of becoming
8 proficient in two languages typically their native language and a second language, typically English.

9 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

10 i) The Texas Education Agency (TEA) must allow all emergent bilingual (EB) students to exit the English as a
11 Second Language (ESL) program with reduced TELPAS testing requirements, ensuring a fair assessment
12 process that reflects the unique challenges of language acquisition, including: a. Lowering the required
13 proficiency levels in the listening, speaking, reading, and writing domains for TELPAS exit criteria. b.
14 Providing alternative assessments for students demonstrating academic proficiency in core content areas
15 but who may not meet traditional TELPAS standards. c. Allowing school districts to consider additional
16 criteria such as teacher recommendations and classroom performance for ESL program exit decisions. ii) All
17 ESL students shall be provided a specific, accelerated time frame to evaluate their TELPAS scores, ensuring
18 timely exit from the ESL program if reduced standards are met. iii) School districts shall offer individualized
19 support and guidance to students transitioning out of ESL programs, including: a. Supplemental language
20 development resources to ensure continued English proficiency after exiting the ESL program. b. Access to
21 academic support programs for students who exit the ESL program under the reduced standards. iv) \$10
22 million shall be allocated from the Texas State General Revenue Fund to cover the costs of implementing
23 the reduced TELPAS standards, including teacher training, alternative assessments, and student support
24 services.

25 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

26 i) Texas Education Agency (TEA) officials, school administrators, and school districts that fail to comply with
27 the revised TELPAS exit standards for ESL students will be subject to review by the Texas Supreme Court for
28 failure to meet state education requirements: a. Individual offenders (e.g., educators or administrators)
29 found responsible for non-compliance will receive a minimum fine of \$3,000 and may face suspension or
30 revocation of their professional license for up to 5 years. b. School districts or administrators will be fined a
31 minimum of \$10,000 per violation and may be placed on probation or lose state funding allocations until
32 compliance is achieved. c. Any offender found in violation of this act shall be barred from holding any
33 future positions in education administration within the State of Texas for a period of 10 years. ii) If a
34 pattern of deliberate non-compliance is identified, such cases may result in criminal charges, leading to a
35 minimum sentence of 1 year and a maximum sentence of 5 years in state prison for individuals directly
36 responsible for obstructing or denying ESL students the right to exit the program under the new standards.

37 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

38 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
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Author: Elizabeth Cain
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Delegation: Duncanville High School
Grade: 9

Bill No. HH035
Committee 6

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED

1 An act creating an additional stipend of \$600 per month for parents who adopt children that are 10 years
2 or older from Texas Family Protective Services in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency. Be it
3 enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

4 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

5 Stipend - A fixed amount of money paid to someone to cover expenses in exchange for performing unpaid
6 work. Private adoption surcharge - An extra fee of cost that is added to the original price of a private
7 adoption. Family protective services - An organization responsible for the oversight of foster care and
8 adoption in the state of Texas.

9 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

10 - Prospective private adoption families will pay a surcharge of 10% of the final adoption cost to help fund
11 the stipend given to families adopting a child 10 years or older out of the care of family protective services.
12 - Family protective services will provide a monthly stipend of \$600 to pay for the monthly expenses of
13 raising an older child. - The stipend will only be given if the child is adopted at the age of 10 or older.

14 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

15 First penalty: If a private adoption agency fails to report and collect the surcharge, they will be fined the
16 amount of the surcharge plus a fine of \$10,000. Second penalty: If a private adoption fails to report and
17 collect the surcharge again, an investigation will be done and they will be closed for a minimum of 30 days.
18 Third penalty: If a private adoption agency fails to report and collect the surcharge for a third time, their
19 adoption license will be revoked by the state of Texas.

20 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

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Author: Jasmine Luna
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Delegation: Texas Academy of Biomedical Sciences
Grade: 12

Bill No. HH052
Committee 6

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED

1 An act where schools require females to take a self-defense class such as karate, etc and declaring an
2 emergency. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

3 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

4 Self Defence: the defense of one's person or interests, through the use of physical force. Karate: unarmed
5 martial arts that include kicking, striking, and blocking with arms and legs. Surplus Fund: the cash flow or
6 money remaining after all expenses and liabilities are paid.

7 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

8 Public HighSchools will provide 6 hours of self defense into one semester of Physical Education curriculum
9 for female students. The Texas Education Agency will create a list of approved vendors and or non-profit
10 organizations to build self defense into physical education courses for school districts to choose from.
11 Schools seeking financial assistance for implementation can fill out an application for funds that will come
12 out of the state budget surplus fund.

13 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

14 Schools that do not implement self defense programs are subject to having funds withheld, as determined
15 by the TEA.

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Delegation: Coppell Middle West

Bill No. SB56
Committee 4

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED

1 An act of allowing women to have an abortion if they have been under any sort of rape or incest in the first 2 trimesters
2 and declaring an emergency. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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4 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

5 Abortion: the deliberate termination of a human pregnancy, most often performed during the first 28 weeks of
6 pregnancy.

7 Rape: : unlawful sexual activity and usually sexual intercourse carried out forcibly or under threat of injury against a
8 person's will or with a person who is beneath a certain age or incapable of valid consent because of mental illness,
9 mental deficiency, intoxication, unconsciousness, or deception

10 Incest: : sexual intercourse between persons so closely related that they are forbidden by law to marry

11 Trimester:a period of three or about three months

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13 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

14 Any women that has viable proof of being a subject to rape or
15 incest is allowed to have an abortion

16 To be able to have access to an abortion the person must have to go thorough court and be proven to be have gone
17 under sexual assault

18 An abortion must happen before the second trimester or 6 months to be applicable

19 the abortion can only happen under a licensed physician with a certified clinic

20 funding from the state to support women in need will come from the 2% the Texas treasury which is about 13,020,000

21 the state must broadcast this new law and bring awareness to all of Texas

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23 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

24 Clinics that refuse or do not implement this bill will be given a stern warning and a state official will come and inspect
25 the facility

26 The second offense includes a fine of \$15,000 and 0.5% of state funding being cut

27 The third offense will offense includes a fine of \$20,000 and 2% of state funding being cut

28 The fines will keep increasing in \$10,000 increments and by the 5th offense the clinic will be shut down

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30 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

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32 presents exceptions).

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Delegation: Creekview Middle School

Bill No. HB036
Committee 11

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED

1 An act of increasing the minimum sentence for sexual assault and declaring an emergency

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3 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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5 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

6 Increasing: The act of multiplying or enlarging in size, extent, or quantity

7 Sexual Assault: Illegal sexual contact that usually involves force upon a person that has not given their consent
8 or is incapable of giving consent due to age, or physical or mental incapacity or who places their assailant in a
9 position of trust or authority.

10 Minimum: The least quantity assignable, admissible, or possible.

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12 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

13 This act will bring up the minimum sentence for sexual assault on all accounts and degrees, regardless of
14 gender, race, age, or position of any person involved in the case, from 2 years to life in prison

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16 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

17 Failure of judges, juries, and any legal system or court to meet this requirement will result in a \$5,000 fine that
18 will result in jail time of 3 months to 2 years if there is failure to pay such fine.

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A BILL
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1 An act prohibiting the use of Snapchat by people under the age of sixteen (16) and declaring an emergency.
2 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

3 Section I. DEFINITIONS:

4 Snapchat: multimedia messaging application that limits accessibility time of media shared with others unless specifically
5 saved.

6 Third-party verification software: an unrelated software that verifies account holders age by official government-issued ID,
7 driver license, passport, selfie, etc.

8 Account holder: An individual who has access to view content on an online platform. Is able to post, share, edit, or annotate
9 content or messages to other individuals.

10 Sexting: sending sexually explicit images to others; term is often used between minors; is classified as a class B misdemeanor
11 and class C misdemeanor based on the situation.

12 Revenge porn: sexually explicit images of oneself shared without consent, a form of blackmail; is classified as a class A
13 misdemeanor.

14 Misdemeanor: a crime that is acted upon with less punishment than a felony.

15 Section II. PROVISIONS:

16 A. Snap Inc. must incorporate a third-party verification software to verify new and existing account holders by their official
17 government-issued driver license or other form of identification and a series of selfies. The account holder will also be
18 prompted a random set of poses, either with their hands and/or face, and will be required to take images through the
19 app/software with their front camera (upload from library/camera roll option will not be given).

20 B. Account holders ages sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) will be required to have consent from a parent or legal guardian to
21 have the application.

22 C. Existing account holders will not be able to access their account until verification is done and accepted.

23 D. Account holders will get an acceptance email if their personal information is verified and applicable in order to use the
24 application. Those whose verification fails or gets denied will have the option to appeal the decision through an email.

25 E. Existing account holders who are under the age of sixteen (16) and are not able to verify their account will be given the
26 option to download their data from the application (images, videos, memories, etc.).

27 F. Third-party verification software must not retain any private or government issued information after the verification
28 process has been completed whether it is successful or not.

29 Section III. PENALTIES:

30 A. The application developing incorporation (Snap Inc.) will be penalized Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per failure to
31 perform an appropriate age verification. B. Penalties will only be given for when an inapplicable user, any individual under the
32 age of sixteen (16), has access to the application and no action has been taken upon the account used by the inapplicable
33 user. C. If the inapplicable user is also found to be performing illegal actions on the application such as sexting, sharing
34 revenge porn, sending or purposefully obtaining child pornography, or any other misdemeanor involving a minor, the
35 application developing incorporation will be penalized an additional Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00.)

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