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S. 1 AI Development and Security Act

WHEREAS THERE IS A NEED TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FROM IMPROPER USAGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "AI Development and Security Act."

SEC. 2. CREATION OF COMMITTEE ON AI DEFAMATION.
   (a) The Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence shall create a subcommittee to investigate the use of artificial intelligence (AI) for the creation of content intended to disturb political elections:

      (i) The committee shall consist of experts on AI from the fields of computer science, ethics, jurisprudence, and journalism; and,

      (ii) The committee shall be balanced between Republicans and Democrats

   (b) Allocate $50 million to the aforementioned committee, to be allocated for research on the topic of utilizing AI for defamatory purposes; and,

   (c) The committee shall present a monthly report to the Senate on any findings, including, but not limited to, summaries and trends of defamatory AI use and policy suggestions to counteract such use

SEC. 3. ILLEGALITY OF AI USAGE FOR IMPERSONATION.
   (a) Chapter 41 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following: § 878. Prohibition of artificial intelligence impersonation of political candidates and elected officials: It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly use artificial intelligence or digital generation technology to impersonate a political candidate or elected official with the intent to influence the outcome of an election or for any malicious purpose.

   (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) shall be considered a felon under United States Code and fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.

DEFINITIONS:

Artificial intelligence - technology or computer systems that are capable of performing tasks that normally require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, and decision-making

ENFORCEMENT: This bill will be enforced by the Department of Justice and the Select Senate Select Committee on AI.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill will take effect 91 days after passage.

FUNDING: This bill will be funded through the discretionary budget of the National Security Agency.

AUTHORS: VT-Jr., NH-Jr., ME-Jr., FL-Sr.

COSPONSORS: AL-Sr., OR-Sr., MS-Sr., VA-Sr., ME-Sr., MN-Jr.

S.2 Sequestered Carbon Allocations to Rural Businesses with Offsets Now Act

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Sequestered Carbon Allocations to Rural Businesses with Offsets Now Act." or the "Sequestered CARBON Act."

SEC. 2. CARBON SEQUESTRATION.
(a) Landowners shall be incentivized to reserve portions of their land that sequester carbon:
   (i) Congress shall allocate funds to state governments to provide tax subsidies to local landowners who set land aside for carbon sequestration or who employ carbon sequestration technologies
(b) American companies may purchase land allocated for carbon sequestration from the landowners in exchange for carbon offset credits
(c) Federal funds shall be allocated to state governments to employ local environmental scientists as third party verifiers:
   (i) These third party verifiers shall be assessed through an independent qualification process overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency; and,
   (ii) These third party verifiers shall visit biological offset projects annually to ensure the projects are fully operational

SEC. 3. SUBCOMMITTEE CREATION.
(a) A subcommittee of six members shall be created to determine the amount of funding and subsidies necessary per biological offset project:
   (iii) This subcommittee shall consist of two Democrats and two Republicans from the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and two independent environmental scientists;
   (iv) Members of the subcommittee shall be appointed by the committee chair;
   (v) This subcommittee shall consist of a geographically diverse range of environmental experts across a variety of disciplines;
   (vi) The scientists on the committee shall determine the biological offset credits allocated to each project; and,
   (vii) The subcommittee shall determine the minimum and maximum amount of carbon to be sequestered per project that they will fund as well as the minimum and maximum value of tax subsidies that landowners can receive

ENFORCEMENT: This bill will be enforced by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill will take effect 91 days after passage

FUNDING: This bill will be funded by Senate Appropriations and the Environmental Protection Agency.

AUTHORS: MT-Jr., UT-Sr.

COSPONSORS: MT-Jr., AZ-Jr., NH-Jr., UT-Sr., IO-Sr., VA-Sr., WY-Sr., NY-Jr., ID-Sr.

S. 3 Train That Teacher Act

WHEREAS THERE IS A NEED TO PREPARE TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS TO CARE FOR MENTALLY STRUGGLING STUDENTS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Train That Teacher Act."

SEC. 2. FUNDING INCREASE.
   (a) Increase funding for the Department of Education by 12%, from $79.6 billion to $89.2 billion

SEC. 3. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS.
   (a) Distribute funds to individual school districts based on students' median income, financial stability, and past experiences with mental health
   (b) Schools must provide proof of financial instability, low-income status, and dangerous experiences in their communities as part of their applications for said funds

SEC. 4. ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS.
   (a) Funds shall go towards employing licensed professional counselors to counsel students and a training program to train teachers to respond to students experiencing mental health issues

SEC. 5. CREATION OF STATE OVERSIGHT BOARDS.
   (a) Each state shall establish a group composed of the state's Governor, members of the state's Board of Education, and three youth mental health professionals nominated and approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
   (b) Applications for funds under this bill shall be considered by each state's respective group

DEFINITIONS:
Licensed professional counselors - mental health service providers with at least a master's degree, trained to work with individuals, families, and groups in treating mental, behavioral, and emotional problems and disorders

ENFORCEMENT: This bill will be enforced by the Department of Education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill will take effect 91 days after passage.

FUNDING: This bill will be funded by the Committee on Appropriations.

AUTHORS: NM-Sr., OH-Sr., NM-Jr., KY-Jr.

COSPONSORS: WY-Jr., AK-Sr., MO-Jr., NC-Jr., IA-Sr., AL-Sr.