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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTEN (for himself and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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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 “Juvenile Firearms
5 Safety Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. UNLAWFUL ACTS.**

7 Section 922 of title 18, United States Code, is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(aa)(1) It shall be unlawful for a person who is 18
2 years of age or older to—

3 “(A) knowingly provide a firearm, other
4 than a handgun, to a juvenile (as such term is
5 defined in subsection (x)(5)), knowing or having
6 reasonable cause to believe that the juvenile in-
7 tends to use such firearm for self-harm or in
8 the commission of a crime; or

9 “(B) knowingly store or keep any firearm
10 that has moved in, or that has otherwise af-
11 fected, interstate or foreign commerce on the
12 premises of a residence, vehicle, or facility
13 under the control of the person if—

14 “(i) the person knows, or reasonably
15 should know, that a juvenile is likely to
16 gain unauthorized access to the firearm;
17 and

18 “(ii) a juvenile obtains the firearm
19 and uses the firearm in the commission of
20 a crime or causes injury or death to such
21 juvenile, or any other individual.

22 “(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) a fact
23 finder may consider other relevant factors, including
24 if the person—

1 “(A) has received outreach about concerns
2 about the juvenile’s mental health from the ju-
3 venile, the juvenile’s parent or guardian, other
4 parents, school administration, law enforce-
5 ment, medical professionals, or other adults;

6 “(B) has knowledge of prior acts of vio-
7 lence against others by the juvenile; or

8 “(C) has knowledge of suicidality on the
9 part of the juvenile, including previous acts of
10 self harm.

11 “(3) Paragraph (1)(B) does not apply to a per-
12 son if the person—

13 “(A) keeps the firearm—

14 “(i) secure using a secure gun storage
15 or safety device; or

16 “(ii) in a location which a reasonable
17 person would believe to be secure; or

18 “(B) carries the firearm on his or her per-
19 son or within such close proximity thereto that
20 the person can readily retrieve and use the fire-
21 arm as if the person carried the firearm on his
22 or her person.

23 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to pre-
24 vent a juvenile from engaging in lawful activities in-
25 volving the use of a firearm, with the permission of

1 the parent or guardian of the juvenile. Nothing in
 2 this subsection shall be construed to affect any exist-
 3 ing law related to consequences of a minor providing
 4 a firearm to another minor or to affect any existing
 5 law related to an adult’s responsibility for a crime
 6 committed by a third party minor who did not ac-
 7 cess the adult’s weapon directly.”.

8 **SEC. 3. PENALTIES.**

9 Section 924(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
 10 amended by adding at the end the following:

11 “(9) Whoever knowingly violates subsection (aa)
 12 of section 922—

13 “(A) shall be fined under this title, impris-
 14 oned for not more than 1 year, or both;

15 “(B) if the firearm is used in the commis-
 16 sion of a crime, shall be fined under this title,
 17 imprisoned for not more than 2 years, or both;

18 “(C) if the juvenile obtains the firearm
 19 pursuant to a violation of (aa)(1)(B), and the
 20 juvenile causes injury or death to such juvenile,
 21 or any other individual, shall be fined under
 22 this title, imprisoned for not more than 5 years,
 23 or both; or

24 “(D) if a person provides the juvenile with
 25 the firearm in violation of (aa)(1)(A), and the

1 juvenile causes injury or death to such juvenile,
2 or any other individual, shall be fined under
3 this title, imprisoned for not more than 10
4 years, or both.”.

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