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IN THE SENATE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Mr. Ahmed of Tennessee introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Supreme Court Advancing Legal and Ethics Standard (SCALES) Act of 2023".

SECTION 2. ESTABLISHING A CODE OF ETHICS FOR THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Calls for the establishment of a Code of Ethics by the Supreme Court of the United States in a manner similar to the Code of Conduct for United States Judges,

(a) Said Code of Ethics will be drafted and submitted by the Justices of the Supreme Court of Ethics.

(b) The Supreme Court shall have discretion in determining the nature and extent of their established Code of Ethics within the purview of this bill.

(c) Said Code of Ethics will be immediately adopted for the Supreme Court of the United States upon submission.

(d) Said Code of Ethics will address the following critical criteria:

(1) Financial gift and contribution disclosure.

(2) Conflicts of interest for cases heard in front of the Supreme Court of the United States arising from but not limited to a justice's personal finances, familial connections, and/or other ethical concerns.

(3) A justice's interactions with the political and democratic systems of America, such as the appropriateness of any remarks made about candidates, officials, or otherwise other political positions for which any political remarks may damage the integrity of the American Judicial system.

(4) The duties of a justice to avoid impropriety and/or appearance of impropriety in all activities as established in the Code of Conduct for United States Judges.

(5) And other concerns or ethical standards that were previously established in the Code of Conduct for United States Judges.

SECTION 3. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEWAL OF ANY ALLEGED BREACH OF CODE OF ETHICS

Congress will have the power to review and determine whether a justice of Supreme Court of the United States has violated the aforementioned Code of Ethics,

(a) The Senate Judiciary Committee has the ability to start investigations into perceived misconduct either by its own accord or by recommendation by another Supreme Court Justice.

(b) The Senate Judiciary Committee will have the ability to subpoena or otherwise call to witness

Supreme Court justices, clerks, and other employees of the Supreme Court of the United States in order to investigate and determine with full clarity and understanding any perceived breach of the established Supreme Court Code of Ethics.

(c) At the end of the investigation, the Senate Judiciary Committee will submit their findings to the American public through a published report, announce their findings in a public committee session, and announce in that session their collective decision on whether there was any breach of the established Supreme Court Code of Ethics.

(d) The decision will be reached by a simple majority vote by the Senate Judiciary Committee and will reflect the committee's collective decision.

SECTION 4. FAILURE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES TO ESTABLISH A CODE OF ETHICS

If the Supreme Court of the United States fails to establish a Code of Ethics in one year and six months of the passage of this bill or fails to address the required issues outlined in the bill in any proposed code of ethics,

(a) The Senate Judiciary Committee will draft and submit a proposed bill on the topic of "Establishing Supreme Court Ethical Standards".