



OFFICIAL BILLS & ACTS

**OF THE 12TH JUNIOR
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We congratulate the 12th Junior Parliament of South Australia for putting their ideas to paper. We celebrate their creativity, innovation and open mindedness. With such leadership there is a bright future. We look forward to seeing the bills debated and seen by stakeholders!



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I am honoured to have been involved in the 12th Junior Parliament of South Australia, and the development of the following bills and ideas. This book displays the innovation, passion, and intellect that young people bring to our society when their voices are amplified and prioritised. I am extremely inspired to have witnessed the creativity and maturity that each Junior Parliamentarian has brought to this program. I would like to commend you all for taking on this challenging experience and I hope to see you continue to develop your drive for advocacy, politics, and change-making.



Madison Spencer

Youth Governor

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Program: Thursday 8 October 2026

Opening

9:15 AM Opening Ceremony

Government and Opposition Business

10:00 AM – (No 1) The Youth Governor's Motion of Public Importance

10:45 AM – (No 2) The Government to move that the 'Carers for Carers (Hospitals Bill 2026') be read

2:00 PM – (No 3) The Opposition to move that the 'Omnibus Transport Bill 2026' be read

3:00 PM – (No 4) Motion

Adjournment

3:45 PM Adjournment Speeches

4:45 PM Concluding Remarks



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Bill and Motion Results

Item	PASS/FAIL	Ayes	Noes
Youth Governor's Motion of public Importance	PASS	16	2
'Caring For Carers (Hospitals) Bill 2026'	PASS	10	8
'Omnibus Transport Bill 2026'	PASS	15	3
Motion	FAIL	4	14



The Office of the Youth Governor of South Australia Youth Governor's Motion of Public Importance

Her Excellency Madison Spencer invites a member of the South Australian youth Parliament to move that

'This house moves for a complete ban of generative artificial intelligence (AI) Technology within Primary and Secondary schools.'

Below are some arguments for and against the motion. These are starting points. You are encouraged to come up with your own arguments.

Arguments for the motion

- Students commonly plagiarise AI.
- AI may produce misinformation or refer to non-credible sources.
- Relying on AI prevents students from developing research and writing skills.
- Privacy concerns: AI companies collect data

Arguments against the motion

- Using AI can reduce teacher workloads.
- AI can make learning more accessible and personalised to students
- Students should be taught about responsibly using AI.
- AI may be necessary in certain professions or fields.

Ayes	Noes
16	2



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Caring for Carers (Hospitals) Act 2026

Sponsor:	Government
Summary: Parents, carers and guardians supporting young people staying overnight in hospitals often go without meals or a place to sleep in hospitals. For young people in hospitals to be supported, their carers must be supported. This bill supports carers of young people staying in hospitals by providing amenities including meal services, beds to sleep in at hospitals and support groups. The bill also provides resources codesigned by young people with experience accessing the health system to help carers and young people navigate the health system.	
Ayes	Noes
10	8
In the name of his majesty, I assent to this act	
	
Her Excellency Madison Spencer <i>Youth Governor of South Australia</i>	

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Caring for Carers (Hospitals) Act 2026

An Act to provide support and information for carers of young persons in hospitals; and for related purposes.

The Junior Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short Title

This Act may be cited as the *Caring for Carers (Hospitals) Act 2026*.

2—Commencement

This Act will come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

3—Interpretation

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

carer means a parent, guardian or carer of a young person who has or is about to be admitted to hospital;

codesign means a process where a thing is designed in collaboration with the intended users of that thing;

hospital means a public or private medical facility where a person can stay overnight for medical care;

young person means a person aged from 0 to 25 years old.

Part 2—Support for Carers

4—Amenities for carers

- (1) Where practical, all hospitals must offer carers of young persons staying overnight in a hospital—
 - (a) meal services; and
 - (b) toiletries; and
 - (c) toilets and bathing facilities; and

- (d) a bed or suitable alternative enabling a carer to sleep in the same room as the young person they are caring for; and
 - (e) a breakout space; and
 - (f) childcare facilities for other children of a carer where the hospital has childcare facilities; and
 - (g) any other amenities a hospital's management sees fit to include.
- (2) A carer of young person admitted to a hospital must be informed of the amenities available under this section as soon as possible after that young person is admitted.
 - (3) Hospitals must provide notice of the amenities available to carers under this section on their websites, social media or however they see fit.

5—Carer support groups

- (1) Hospitals shall establish at least one online and/or in person support groups for carers of young person.
- (2) Carers of young people staying hospitals must be informed by that hospital of those support groups.

Part 3—Accessible Health Resources

6—Accessible health information

- (1) The Minister for Health and Wellbeing shall establish a codesign group to—
 - (a) codesign accessible resources to empower carers and young persons to navigate the health system; and
 - (b) oversee the distribution of those resources; and
 - (c) update those resources as seen fit.
- (2) The codesign group shall be appointed by the Minister for Health and Wellbeing and must consist of—
 - (a) a diverse range of young persons and carers with experience accessing the health system; and
 - (b) medical students; and
 - (c) medical professionals.



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Omnibus Transport Act 2026

Sponsor:	Opposition
Summary: <p>The ‘Omnibus Transport Bill 2026’ is named for two things: (1) buses (omnibus is long for ‘bus’) and (2) a bill that presents multiple measures. The bill improves the quality of South Australian Public transport by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• providing for security guards and transport police trained in disability support on transport and at interchanges; and• making buses more accessible and convenient; and• establishing a public transport safety committee to improve worker and passenger safety; and• increasing the frequency and reach of Adelaide Metro and MetroCard network; and• establishing an education campaign for young people about using public transport.	
Ayes	Noes
15	3
<p>In the name of his majesty, I assent to this act</p> <p></p> <p>Her Excellency Madison Spencer <i>Youth Governor of South Australia</i></p>	

South Australia

Omnibus Transport Bill 2026

An Act to improve the accessibility, safety and coverage of public transport; and for related purposes.

The Junior Parliament of South Australia enacts as follows:

Part 1—Preliminary

1—Short Title

This Act may be cited as the *Omnibus Transport Act 2026*.

2—Commencement

This Act will come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

3—Interpretation

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

person with disability means a person who has a condition which makes it difficult for them to equitably access society;

public transport means a bus, train or tram service available for the public's use;

public transport provider means an entity that provides a public transport service.

Part 2—Safe, Accessible and practical transport

4—Security Guards and Transport police

- (1) Between the hours of 8pm and 6am at least one (1) security guard or one (1) transport police officer must be present on every Adelaide Metro service.
- (2) At all times, at least two (2) transport police officers shall be stationed at each public transport stop or station the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport determines to be a major public transport interchange.
- (3) Transport police and security guards shall receive training in assisting persons with disability.

5—Accessible and practical buses

All Adelaide Metro buses must be upgraded to ensure each bus—

- (a) has a bicycle rack capable of accommodating at least three (3) bicycles; and
- (b) can accommodate at least two (2) wheelchairs; and
- (c) is physically accessible for people with disabilities.

6—Indicating disability on MetroCards or student cards

A person with disability may request their MetroCard or student card state they have a disability and/or have a particular disability.

7—Public Transport worker safety committee

- (1) The Public Transport Worker Safety Committee is established and shall make recommendations to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport to increase safety in public transport for workers and passengers.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of—
 - (a) representatives of the Department of Infrastructure and Transport; and
 - (b) representatives of Adelaide Metro workers; and
 - (c) a psychologist appointed by the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure.

Part 3—Expanding Adelaide Metro Services

8—Increased frequency of Adelaide Metro services

The frequency of an Adelaide Metro public transport service shall be at least doubled where the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport is satisfied increasing that service's frequency—

- (a) increases the convenience and safety of using public transport for a community; and
- (b) it is practical for that service's frequency to be increased.

9—Expansion of the Adelaide Metro Network and MetroCard coverage

- (1) The Minister for Transport and Infrastructure shall provide for the expansion of Adelaide Metro Bus services into—
 - (a) areas of metropolitan Adelaide not yet served by public transport; and

- (b) regional areas adjacent to Adelaide including but not limited to those within the Barossa Council and City of Victor Harbor.

- (2) All public transport providers must accept MetroCARDS as a form of payment for fares.

Part 4—Education Campaign

10—Education Campaign

- (1) The minister for Infrastructure and Transport shall create an education campaign for young people concerning—
 - (a) how to use public transport; and
 - (b) safety and etiquette on public transport; and
 - (c) any similar topics the minister thinks appropriate to include.
- (2) The Education campaign shall be distributed through mediums including but not limited to—
 - (a) social media, websites and other online formats; and
 - (b) brochures; and
 - (c) workshops at schools and other community locations.



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Motion

This house, RECOGNISING the effects of global climate change and that disposable cutlery worsens climate change MOVES that—

- (a) all cutlery must henceforth be made of the ultimate renewable resource, wood; and
- (b) in the interests of supporting the South Australian economy, calls on the Minister for Education to commence a work program where primary and secondary school students to produce the required wooden cutlery.

Ayes	Noes
4	14

Debate Script for Bills and Motions

Please remember

- Text in ***bold italics*** is not read aloud. It shows an action certain people must take during a debate.
- At the start of the debate the speaker will say how they want to be addressed (e.g. Mr, Madam or Mx (pronounced 'Mix') Speaker). Address them as such.
- Remember to start your speeches with 'Mr/Madam/Mx speaker, the honourable <your full name>.'

Introductions / First Reading

The Sgt at arms and the Speaker stand at the back of chamber.

Sgt at Arms

'Junior Parliamentarians! The Speaker!'

Members stand up. The sgt at arms and the Speaker walk down the aisle. When the speaker sits down, members will sit down. The speaker will say how they want to be referred to (e.g. Mr/Madam/Mx Speaker).

Speaker

'I call upon the sponsor.'

Main Sponsor

'Mr/Madam/Mx Speaker, the Honourable <your full name>, I move that I have leave to introduce a Bill for an Act to/motion... <long title of bill>/<motion text>.'

Speaker

'Is the motion seconded?'

Parliamentarian

'I second the motion.'

Speaker

'The question is that the motion be agreed to. All those in favour say "aye" and to the contrary "no." I think the ayes have it.'

Everyone must vote AYE at this stage!

Speaker

'Order of the day number _____. A Bill for an Act to... <long title>' **FIRST READING ENDS**

Second Reading

Speaker

'I call upon the sponsor.'

Main Sponsor

'Mr/Madam/Mx Speaker, the Honourable <your full name>, I move that this Bill now be read a second time.'

Main Sponsor then delivers a speech no longer than 3 minutes.

Speaker

'Is the motion seconded?'

Parliamentarian

'I second the motion.'

Speaker

'I call upon the main refuter.'

Main Refuter

'Mr/Madam/Mx Speaker/President, the Honourable <Name>...'

Main Refuter then delivers a speech of no longer than 2 minutes.

The bill is now open for debate for other members to speak. Members of sponsoring and refuting ministries will be prioritised but other members are welcome to stand up. Each speech should be a maximum of 2 minutes. After multiple rounds of speeches, the Speaker will call for a final refuter and then a final sponsor for their rite of reply.

Voting

Speaker

'The question is that this bill now pass. All those in favour say "aye," and to the contrary "no".'

Members will say "AYE" or "NO" - THIS IS WHERE YOU VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE BILL!

Speaker

'I think the ayes/noes have it.'

Any Parliamentarian

'Division!'

Speaker

'Division has been called, ring the bells.'

The bells will be rung. Members may move to the back of chamber if they wish to abstain before the bars are closed. Abstentions should be reserved for reasons of great emotional connection or personal conflict associated with the bill.

Speaker

'Members will now enter the well.'

All members not abstaining will move into the well (the centre of chamber).

Speaker

'Those in favour of the bill will move to the right of the chair, those against to the left. The Chamber will now divide in silence.'

The chamber divides in silence. If the chamber is not silent, the speaker may call members back into the well. Once the chamber has divided, the clerk will count the votes and announce the result.

Speaker

If passed (more than 50% of votes)

'The Bill for an Act to <long title of bill> has been passed with ___ ayes and ___ noes. Members may resume their seats.'

If rejected (50% of votes or less)

'The Bill has failed to pass with ___ ayes and ___ noes. Members may resume their seats.'

DEBATE ENDS