

Suit Up for the Future 2023-2024

Suit Up Alumni, Involvement with passing House Bill 577

On June 19, 2024, two Suit Up for the Future Alumni attended the signing of HB577 by Governor Landry. The bill was carried through the legislature by the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, of which two Suit Up Alumni are members: Emma M. Bonney, 2024 Suit Up Alumna, and Dylan G. Rhoton, 2022 Suit Up Alumnus.

Emma M. Bonney, 2024 Suit Up Alumna, stated: “After months of research, debate, and presentations, I'm proud to say that HB 577 has been signed by the governor. HB 577 protects minors' safety online by banning social media companies from buying or selling minors' data. This essentially bans targeted advertising which is one of the main causes of the increasing teen mental health crisis. Since I was a Louisiana Youth Advisory Council member, I was given the opportunity to watch the behind the scenes work. I also had the honor of testifying in front of the House Commerce Committee for HB 577. I am so grateful for this opportunity because it made me understand the challenges that come with passing bills but also made me appreciate all of those who help throughout the process. All of LYAC's work and dedication to HB 577 has finally paid off and I am so glad I can say that I was a part of it.”



Pictured: The Legislative Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) with Governor Jeffrey M. Landry (seated right). Emma M. Bonney (far-left), 2024 Suit Up Alumna, and Dylan G. Rhoton, 2022 Suit Up Alumnus (fourth from left).