#### TRACKING LEGISLATION

# **Step 1: Identify the Bill**

#### Where to Search

- <u>Congress.gov</u> Official source for federal legislation.
- <u>GovTrack.us</u> User-friendly summaries and tracking.
- <u>LegiScan</u> Tracks state and federal bills.

#### **Bill Information:**

- **Bill Number** (e.g., H.R.1234 / S.5678)
- Bill Title
- Sponsor(s)
- · Date Introduced
- Current Status (e.g., Introduced, In Committee, Passed House, etc.)

## Step 2: Understand the Bill's Purpose

# Read the Bill Summary and/or Text

Use sources such as: Congress.gov, LegiScan, GovTrack. and USASpending.gov

- What is the main goal of this bill?
- Who does this bill impact?
- · What situation prompted its creation?

## **Step 3: Track the Bill's Progress**

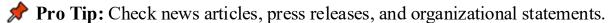
#### **Key Legislative Stages:**

- **Introduced** The bill is submitted in the House or Senate
- Committee Review Assigned to a committee for discussion
- **Floor Vote** Debated and voted on in the chamber (House/Senate)
- Other Chamber If passed, sent to the other chamber for approval
- **Presidential Action** If both chambers pass it, the president signs or vetoes it
- Where is the bill currently in the process?

**Pro Tip:** Set up bill tracking alerts on GovTrack, LegiScan, or Congress.gov for updates.

# **Step 4: Identify Supporters & Opponents**

- Who supports this bill? (Legislators, organizations, advocacy groups, etc.)
- Who opposes this bill? (Opposition groups, industries, etc.)



#### **Step 5: Take Action**

## How can you advocate for or against this bill?

- Contact legislators
- Mobilize supporters through social media
- · Write an op-ed or letter to the editor.
- · Join or organize an advocacy campaign.