

A Bill to Make College Free for Needy Students

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation would provide free tuition and waive all required fees at
3 public colleges and universities for students who are in financial need.

4 **SECTION 2.** The term “financial need” is defined as demonstrated lack of ability to
5 pay for college, taking account of factors including income and family
6 size.

7 **SECTION 3.** Congress will allocate funding for disbursement by the U.S. Department
8 of Education in order to make sure that students with financial need are
9 not required to pay tuition or fees at public colleges and universities.
10 Congress will also direct the Department of Education to use any
11 available budget surplus for this purpose.

12 **SECTION 4.** If enacted, this legislation will take effect on January 1, 2020.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Springfield High School.

A Bill to Establish Publicly Owned Cemeteries

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The USFG (United States Federal Government) will own at least one
3 cemetery in every county to help low-income families afford burial.

4 **SECTION 2.** The term “burial” means interment in a casket built from materials
5 varying in expense depending on families’ preferences and ability to pay.

6 **SECTION 3.** Pursuant to this legislation, the USFG will operate one or more
7 cemeteries in every county at cost (i.e., not for profit) in order to keep
8 the expense of burial as affordable as possible. The USFG will pay
9 cemetery workers the average prevailing rate for their positions and will
10 not provide any special retirement plans. The publicly owned cemeteries
11 will take burial applications from family or friends of the deceased, as
12 well as from people arranging for their own burial upon their deaths, and
13 the publicly owned cemeteries will accept as many applications as
14 possible.

15 **SECTION 4.** If enacted, this legislation will take effect on January 1, 2020.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Springfield High School.

A Bill to Give Citizens More Language Access in Courts

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

SECTION 1. This initiative will assist those Limited English Proficiency (LEP) voices who are not heard or understood in American courtrooms, leading to misinformed judges and juries. Juridictions' lack of funding serves as the major barrier between improving the language access services. Unique dialects within the United States are included in this bill.

- I. African-American Vernacular English (AAVE) is a unique structure of language including varieties and a number of standard and non standard commonalities with other varieties in the United States.
- II. According to the Census Bureau, 350 different languages are spoken in US homes.

SECTION 2. LEP is a term in the United States that stands for Limited English Proficiency, and it refers to a person who is not fluent in the English language because it is not a part of their native tongue.

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this bill. The funding will be distributed to the following:

- A. Training the interpreters to be able to perform in a strenuous courtroom setting
- B. Increase the pay for interpreters to increase the supply of interpreters.
- C. Technology that assists the court practices.

The funding will come from the annual Department of Defense budget

SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented by January 1, 2020.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Crater High School.

A Bill to Save Trees

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

Section 1. In order for the population of trees to be increased to combat climate change and help restore habitats to their former prestige, public education institutions will use bamboo paper as it is far more cost efficient than other types of paper. It would also have a better environmental impact.

Section 2. Bamboo paper is paper made of the materials of the bamboo plant which is a stalky grass that is native to Asia and can grow in climates in both Europe and Asia.

Section 3 This will be overseen by the US Department of Education. Funding will be moved from the Department of Defense to allow the Department of Education to oversee the implementation of this legislation.

Section 4. This bill will be enacted on January 1, 2021.

Section 5. All laws currently in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Crater High School.

A Bill to Improve Maternity Care in Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. All pregnant women in incarceration centers shall have equal access to basic levels of maternal care during the antepartum, intrapartum, and postpartum period.

Section 2. “Basic care” is defined by the American College of Obstetricians of Gynecologists as the “care of uncomplicated pregnancies with the ability to detect, stabilize, and initiate management of unanticipated maternal–fetal or neonatal problems that occur during the antepartum, intrapartum, or postpartum period until patient can be transferred to a facility at which specialty maternal care is available”.

Section 3. This bill shall be enforced by United States Department of Health and Human Services and the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect June 1, 2019.

Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hood River Valley High School.

A Bill to Allow Parents to Allow Children to Engage in Independent Activities

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Parents and legal guardians shall be allowed to decide whether their children, if nine years of age or older and of sufficient maturity, can engage in short-term independent activities without supervision, as long as a child's basic needs are being met.

SECTION 2. "Short-term independent activities" include and are limited to: outdoor play; travelling to and from school, religious services, and recreational and commercial facilities; and travelling by walking, running, bicycling, or public transport. "Basic needs" shall be defined as sufficient food, shelter, physical safety, and emotional security.

SECTION 3. This bill shall be enforced by the United States Children's Bureau.

SECTION 4. This bill shall be implemented six months after passing.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by Hood River Valley High School

A Bill to Regulate the Cosmetic Industry

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will regulate the ingredients that are in all cosmetic products distributed in the United States to the general public.
- SECTION 2.** Cosmetics are defined as substances that individuals put on their face or body that are intended to improve appearance and hygiene, including, but not limited to makeup, deodorant, moisturizer, lotion, toothpaste, body wash, and shampoo.
- SECTION 3.** The FDA will be overseeing the actions detailed in this bill.
- A. The FDA will fund this bill by moving funds from the Office of Food Programs to their Human Drugs category, specifically the Over – the – Counter Drugs section.
- SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect in January 1, 2020.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
- Introduced for Congressional Debate by Crater High School.*

A Bill to Require Immunizations Despite Religious or Philosophical Beliefs

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. All children born in the United States will be vaccinated for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, DTaP, IPV, MMR, and Varicella immunizations according to the rate in which their state generally prescribes them despite religious affiliation or philosophical thought if they are to attend public school.

Section 2. These immunizations are intended to vaccinate for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Chickenpox.

Section 3. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

A. Individuals who do not receive the required immunizations will not be allowed to attend public school. The exception to this is individuals who cannot be immunized due to medical reasons as determined by a licensed physician.

B. The funding for the implementation of this bill will come from the annual Health and Human Services budget.

Section 4. The bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2020

Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Crater High School.

A Bill to Impose a Tariff on Imports from China

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The U.S. should impose a tariff in order to limit trade between China and North Korea, because such trade supports the hostile dictatorship of Kim Jong Un, a regime that continues to violate international law.

SECTION 2. The term “tariff” is defined as a fee levied on imports from a particular country.

SECTION 3. Congress will impose a 35% tariff on imports to the U.S. from China until such time as trade between China and North Korea is proven to be halted.

SECTION 4. This tariff will take effect in January 2020, giving time for negotiations and for an end to China’s trade with North Korea in advance of the effective date.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Springfield High School.

A Bill to Protect Unaccompanied Children at the U.S. Border

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. 6 U.S. Code § 279 will be amended to outlines the care and transfer of unaccompanied alien children.

SECTION 2. THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES will be held responsible for:

(a) Ensuring that the interests of the child are considered in decisions and actions relating to their care, placement, custody, and release.

(b) Information relating to the child's placement, removal, or release from each facility in which the child has resided.

SECTION 4. The implementation of this process should begin within the next two years and continue implementation with all deliberate speed; with full implementation by 2024.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tillamook High School

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Abolish the Electoral College

WHEREAS, In the United States of America the Electoral College does not represent the majority of voters; and

WHEREAS, Multiple times throughout history there has been a large discrepancy between the popular vote and the Electoral College; and

WHEREAS, Minority rights are being underrepresented and the rule of the majority is being overrepresented due to gerrymandering; and

WHEREAS, The abolishment of the Electoral College would result in the nullification of the ability or need to gerrymander; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that: elections shall be a result of the popular vote, and would be a direct representation of the vote and will of the people.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tillamook High School

A Bill to Enact US Citizens Under the Age of 18 to Vote

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **Section 1.** The United States will allow U.S citizens under the age of 18 to be counted as $\frac{1}{3}$ of
3 a vote.

4 A. Age eligibility would be ages 15 through 17.

5 **SECTION 2.** Since citizens under 18 would be $\frac{1}{3}$ of a vote then it would take more to count
6 as one vote.

7 A. This would decrease the worry of “children having too much power” .

8 B.This would give the government more insight from future generations.

9 **SECTION 3.** Countries such as Australia, Austria, and the UK have already started lowering
10 their voting age to 16.

11 **SECTION 4.** All laws and conflicts with this legislation are declared hereby null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Coquille High School

A Bill to Limit Military Involvement in Foreign Countries

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States of America is currently involved in military conflict in six different
3 countries: Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Libya, and Niger. While an official war
4 has been declared in Afghanistan, the others have do not have official declarations.

5 The United States of America involves itself militarily in countries that it does not
6 need to be.

7 SECTION 2. A military conflict is a state of open, armed, often prolonged conflict carried on 8
between nations, states, or parties.

9 SECTION 3. For the United States to enter any future military conflict, the Senate must approve the
10 involvement of our military in conflicts like the ones stated above. The involvement
11 must be approved by $\frac{2}{3}$ of Senate or the President may not send US troops to a 12
conflict.

13 SECTION 4. This bill will be implemented by January 1, 2020

14 SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.