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\* The order of items on the docket may not be changed.

## **A Bill to Restrict Possession of Exotic Animals to Protect Domestic Welfare**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: All private ownership of exotic animals as personal property is hereby prohibited except as follows: An employee or contractor of an animal sanctuary or other organization whose purpose is the preservation of species or promotion of biodiversity may own exotic animals.

Article II: No one may possess, release, import, export, or assist in the possession, releasing, importing, or exporting of exotic animals except as permitted by Article I.

Article III: Exotic animals are non-domestic and feral animals, including canines, felines, mammals, reptiles, bears, monkeys, birds, and endangered species.

Article IV: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall adopt regulations further defining exotic animals in a manner consistent with this Act and setting forth activities that violate this Act.

Article V: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall oversee and enforce the implementation of the legislation.

Article VI: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Article VII: This legislation shall take effect on March 1, 2020.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Tri-State STEM+M*

# **A Bill to Allow Employed Individuals Above Age Sixteen to be Granted Suffrage Rights**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Employed Individuals over the age of sixteen shall be granted suffrage rights.

**SECTION 2.** A. "Employed" entails any individual receiving more than \$3,000 annually  
B. "Suffrage" being the right to vote in public, political elections

**SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission shall oversee the suffrage rights of employed individuals about sixteen years of age.

A. Employed Individuals above the age of sixteen shall be granted suffrage rights two years after the most recent president election.

B. Employed Individuals older than age sixteen shall be permitted to vote in local, state and federal elections.

**SECTION 4.** The suffrage rights of employed individuals over age sixteen shall begin two years following the most recent presidential election.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Alexandra Hall, Elkins High School*

## **A Bill to Expand Health Coverage to Undocumented Immigrants**

### **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT**

**Section 1:** The passage of this legislation would allow undocumented immigrants to enroll in Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program and to purchase coverage through the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces.

**Section 3:** Any necessary funds for this legislation would be allotted from the Defense Budget.

**Section 4:** The Department of Health and Human Services will regulate the enforcement of this legislation.

**Section** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the 2021 fiscal year.

**Section** All other laws and regulations that violate this bill are declared null and void.

*Introduced for congressional debate by Rowan County Senior High School*

**A Bill to Allow Felons to Vote in Federal Elections**

1. Be it enacted by the Student Congress assembled that:
2. Section I: Felons will be able to vote in federal elections, regardless of whether they are
3. incarcerated and/or have completed their sentence.
4. Section II: Voting in federal elections by felons can be encouraged but not
5. forced.
6. Section III: Each State is in charge of overseeing the unbiased application of this
7. policy in its own administrative region.
8. Section IV: This law shall require no funding.
9. Section V: This law will take effect January 1, 2021.
10. Section VI: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
11. and void.

*Respectfully Submitted, Smara Sigdel, Huntington High School*

## **A Resolution to Increase Coronavirus Prevention Efforts**

1. **WHEREAS:** The recent emergence of the Coronavirus out of Wuhan, China is
2. dominating media coverage and causing public concern to mount; and
3. **WHEREAS:** The SARS-like virus is showing exponential infection rates, as well as
4. increasing mortality rates; and
5. **WHEREAS:** The Communist State has been accused of covering up statistics reflecting
6. how truly severe this virus is; therefore, be it
7. **RESOLVED:** By the Student Congress here assembled that the United States Federal
8. Government will increasing funding of research, aid, and training of medical personnel to
9. combat the virus; and be it
10. **FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the quarantine period for passengers entering the US
11. will be increased to and/or held at 14 days; and be it
12. **FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the United States will ban all travel to the Hubei
13. Province of China.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Matthew Pierson*

*Parkersburg High School*

## **A Bill for Every Prison to be a Government Run Prison**

### **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT**

**Section 1:** This passage of legislation would abolish all current non-government prisons along with all non-government programs that reside within the current prisons.

**Section 2:** Non-government prisons are classified as prisons that are contracted by a government agency such as: private or for-profit prison to obtain a profit. Non-government programs classify as any program that is offered by a non-governmental agency for profit.

**Section 3:** This bill will be enforced by the Federal Bureau of Prison.

**Section 4:** This piece of legislation will take effect at the beginning of the 2027 fiscal year.

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

*Introduced for congressional debate by Rowan County Senior High School*

# A Bill to Arm Personnel in West Virginia Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** No less than one school personnel or security officer shall be armed in each public school. Said person(s) shall be armed with institutionally approved defensive material. A minimum of one school personnel or security officer must have some form of defensive material in the event of a school wide assembly. The person(s) wielding the item of defense must have taken a certified training course and pass a psychological exam prior to the wielding of the defensive item on school property. The defensive object may be carried on certified personnel, if they so wish.

**SECTION 2.** Oxford dictionary defines “defensive material” as a means of gaining an advantage or defending oneself in a conflict or contest. A “School” refers to any institution educating children kindergarten through twelfth grade.

**SECTION 3.** The West Virginia Board of Education would oversee the enactment of said bill and cooperation of local state Board of Education organizations. shall be permitted to vote in local, state and federal elections.

**SECTION 4.** The bill shall be completely enforced before the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Senator Devon Channell, Elkins High School*

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# A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY FROM NATO

1. **WHEREAS:** The Republic of Turkey is under a dictatorial regime led by Recep Tayyip
2. Erdogan, characterized by racism, genocide denial, press censorship, military aggression
3. against ethnic minorities, and other such gross abuses of human rights, and;
4. **WHEREAS:** The Turkish government still refuses to recognize the genocide of
5. Armenian, Greek, and Assyrian peoples during World War I, and;
6. **WHEREAS:** The Turkish government has for over forty years been violating Kurdish
7. self-determination, most recently with its invasion of the Rojava Federation, and;
8. **WHEREAS:** The Turkish government has repeatedly provoked its NATO allies through
9. the invasion of Cyprus and violations of Greek airspace, and;
10. **WHEREAS:** The actions taken by the Turkish government has proven its disdain for the
11. democratic ideals which NATO was created to defend, therefore be it;
12. **RESOLVED:** By the Student Congress here assembled that the Republic of Turkey be
13. removed from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as soon as practicable, and be it;
14. **FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the United States halts all military aid to the Republic of
15. Turkey until the government thereof recognizes the charges levied against it by this
16. resolution and takes appropriate measures to atone for its actions.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Matthew Lebo*

*Parkersburg High School*

PRIMARY

1                                   **A BILL FOR UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN**

2    BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3    **SECTION 1.**     All public elementary schools shall now offer optional “Universal” Pre-K to  
4                                   students regardless of their families’ income level.

5    **SECTION 2.**    A.       Public elementary schools are defined as any government funded  
6                                   facility that educates grades kindergarten and up.

7                        B.       “Universal” being defined as free to all students enrolled in  
8                                   elementary school in the United States, regardless of income  
9                                   level.

10   **SECTION 3.**    The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will collect the funds needed to enforce this  
11                                   bill, following the current procedures regarding taxation and collection. The  
12                                   Department of Education will oversee compliance with this bill in coordination  
13                                   with state education departments.

14                       A.       \$21.6 billion will be needed to fund this bill.

15                       B.       This will be funded by a 0.10% tax on those whose  
16                                   assets surpass \$999,999,999.99.

17                       C.       Schools and/or districts that do not comply with Section  
18                                   1 will lose federal funding for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
19                                   grade until proof of compliance.

20   **SECTION 4.**    This bill will be implemented at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carolyne Nguyen, Huntington High School*

A Bill to Stop the Production of Single-Use Batteries

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. Section 1: This bill will ban the manufacturing of single-use batteries.
3. Section 2: Single-use batteries will be defined as batteries that cannot be charged and
4. used repetitively.
5. Section 3: The punishment for breaking this law will be a fine of up to \$200,000 per day,
6. of which will be given to the Environmental Protection Agency to spend how they see fit.
7. Section 4: This bill requires no budget outlay at this time.
8. Section 5: The implementation of this bill will be overseen by the Environmental
9. Protection Agency.
10. Section 6: This law will go into effect January 1, 2024.
11. Section 7: All legislation in conflict with this bill will be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoe Davin

Huntington High School

## **A Bill to Ban Conversion Therapy in the United States**

### **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT**

**Section 1:** The passage of this legislation would ban conversion therapy in the United States.

**Section 2:** Conversion therapy is defined as the widely discredited practice that attempts to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Section 3:** The Department of Health and Human Services will regulate the enforcement of this legislation.

**Section 4:** This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the 2021 fiscal year.

**Section 5:** All other laws and regulations that violate this bill are declared null and void.

*Introduced for congressional debate by Rowan County Senior High School*

**A Bill to Become a Mandatory Organ Donor**

1. Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:
2. Section 1: At the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles), everyone is automatically
3. an organ donor by default on your driver's license when you're 18 years or older.
4. Section 2: People who do not want to be (or refuse to be) an organ donor, will have to fill
5. out paperwork in order to have the symbol be removed and not be considered a donor.
6. Section 3: This bill requires zero funding.
7. Section 4: The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) would be in charge of executing
8. this bill.
9. Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2022.
10. Section 6: All laws in conflict are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

William Harless

Huntington High School

**A Bill Dedicating a Sales Tax Toward Free Bus Transportation in all Cities in WV**

1. BE IT ENACTED IN THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. SECTION 1: A sales tax shall be dedicated to allow for all citizens in a city to receive
3. free bus transportation.
4. SECTION 2: The sales tax shall be a 4% increase, which will also clean up city buses as
5. well.
6. SECTION 3: This bill will not affect school buses, taxi cabs, or ubers.
7. SECTION 4: The transportation will allow the buses to transport people throughout the
8. city limits and outskirts of cities, but not long distances.
9. SECTION 5: The WVDOT and City Governments in WV will enact and enforce this
10. piece of legislation
11. SECTION 6: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2022.
12. SECTION 7: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben McElroy

Huntington High School

A Bill to Shorten School Days in West Virginia

1. Be it enacted by the Student Congress assembled that:
2. Section 1: High Schools in West Virginia will start at 8:30 am and end at 2:57 pm.
3. Section 2: Each school will not have a homeroom.
4. Section 3: Each of the 7 classes will now be 45 minutes long, the time in between classes
5. will be 7 minutes, and students will be required a 30-minute lunch break.
6. Section 4: This law will be implemented through the West Virginia Department of
7. Education.
8. Section 5: No budget outlay will be required.
9. Section 6: All other laws in conflict with this bill are here by declared null and void.
10. Section 7: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the school year 2020-2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryce Maynard

Huntington High School

## **A Bill to Decrease the Cost of EpiPens**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1: The price of EpiPens shall be reduced in order to make them more  
3 affordable and accessible to the public.

4 SECTION 2: EpiPen shall be defined as an auto-injector that contains a dosage  
5 of epinephrine to potentially save people from life-threatening situations due to  
6 anaphylactic reactions to allergens.

7 SECTION 3: The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) will oversee  
8 implementation of this legislation.

9 SECTION 4: This bill will cost approximately \$5 billion to implement.

10 SECTION 5: This legislation will go into effect one (1) year after passage.

11 SECTION 6: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
12 and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Hamzeh Al-Qawasmi

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