

A Bill to Provide Needed Medical Subsidies

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Any citizen shall be eligible for government subsidies for their health care, regardless of age, if they have a condition which requires them to purchase or use one or more of the following: diabetic test strips, injectable insulin, or injectable epinephrine.

SECTION 2. Such subsidies will provide for no less than 90% of the cost of such supplies as charged by a healthcare provider. The patient's health insurance company shall work with them to determine the optimal way to insure that the insured only bears the subsidized cost of the health supplies, and is not required to wait for reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs.

SECTION 3. The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee implementation of this legislation. Necessary costs shall be taken from the budgeted amount provided for healthcare subsidies under the Affordable Care Act.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect ninety days after passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Upper St Clair High School.

A BILL TO ABOLISH THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- Article I: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, hereafter referred to as SNAP, is hereby abolished in order to reduce corporate and individual fraud.
- Article II: SNAP is the national anti-hunger program of the United States, which provides foodstuffs for individuals earning 130% or less of the poverty line.
- Article III: The federal Food and Nutrition Service, hereafter referred to as FNS, will enforce this bill when enacted.
- A. The agency will stop providing SNAP benefits to it eligible individuals.
- a. SNAP benefits are regular transferrings of funds to a SNAP beneficiary through the loading of a debit card, which can be used at certain retailers.
- Article IV: Within thirty (30) days following the passing of this bill, all SNAP beneficiaries nationwide will be notified by mail requesting acknowledgement that SNAP benefits will no longer be distributed. If a beneficiary does not respond within thirty (30) days following the original notification, the household will be notified a second time by mail requesting response. If no response is given within sixty (60) days of the original date of notification, certified mail will be sent to the household. Any and all SNAP benefits issued before and during the above periods of time will be valid in perpetuity.
- Article V: Any and all laws in conflict with this new policy are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethel Park High School

A Resolution to Institute Parental Licensing and Improve the State of the Foster Care System

- WHEREAS,** 5 American children die every day as a result of child abuse and neglect; and
- WHEREAS,** United States Child Protection Agencies typically record upwards of 3 million reports of child abuse or neglect every year; and
- WHEREAS,** Child Protection Services average response time is over 2.9 days; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States foster care system is ranked as one of the worst in the world; and
- WHEREAS,** There is a very high correlation between child abuse and crime, especially among those on death row; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that a federal department be created for child protection, foster care, and parental licensing.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Peters Township High School

A BILL TO REMOVE COLUMBUS DAY AS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States of America will no longer recognize Columbus Day as a federal holiday, instead replacing it with a federally recognized ‘Indigenous Peoples Day’ to acknowledge the culture and historical suffering of American indigenous peoples.

SECTION 2. Columbus Day is defined as a federal holiday on the second Monday in October, which henceforth will be recognized as a federal ‘Indigenous Peoples Day.’

SECTION 3. The United States Congress will federally recognize ‘Indigenous Peoples Day’ in lieu of Columbus Day.

A. The United States Office of Personnel Management and the Department of Labor will jointly oversee the implementation and enforcement of this policy with regard to federal employees

SECTION 4. The recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day will take place on the second Monday of October in the upcoming calendar year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shady Side Academy

A Bill to Repeal The 2nd Amendment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The 2nd Amendment in its entirety will be repealed.

SECTION 2. The second amendment reads, “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

SECTION 3. The United States Department of Justice shall be responsible for the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This law shall go into effect in January 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethel Park High School

A Resolution to Lower the Voting Age In the United States

WHEREAS, The 2016 presidential election showed that the younger generations are more interested in the political landscape; and

WHEREAS, Little over half of the voting age population (VAP) turned out for the 2016 presidential election; and

WHEREAS, Younger people aren't always completely set on one opinion, and therefore are willing to see things from another's point of view; and

WHEREAS, Teens are generally more informed on current events than adults; and

WHEREAS, This chamber of Student Congress is only one example of the many ways interested students can be involved in learning about the political, social, and economic state of their nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled formally recommend that the legal voting age in the United States of America be changed to 16 years of age at the secondary elections of all officials on state and federal levels.

Respectfully submitted by

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School

A Bill to Invest in Africa's Education System

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The United States will allocate 50 billion dollars to the improvement and advancement of
3 education in the continent of Africa.

4 SECTION 2. African education includes aid towards educational infrastructure, hiring qualified teachers,
5 educational technology, and other educational necessities.

6 SECTION 3. The Department of State and the Department of Education will be responsible for providing
7 funding and working with DoE approved Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Africa.

8 SECTION 4. Will be put into action January 1, 2020.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School

A Bill to Reform Scheduled Drug Laws and End Homelessness in the United States

Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

SECTION 1: All federal criminal penalties from the possession, consumption, or selling of all scheduled drugs shall be nullified for those at or above the minimum age limit of consumption as defined in Section 2F and all scheduled drugs shall be legalized for consumption for those above the minimum age as defined in Section 2F. A national needle exchange program shall be put into place to reduce HIV and other blood transmitted diseases. Funds will also be appropriated to eliminate homelessness.

SECTION 2:

- A. The definition of all scheduled drugs can be found in the Department of Justice's list of controlled substances.
- B. There shall be a 50% excise tax on the retail prices on the scheduled drugs.
- C. The Department of Justice and Health and Human Services shall define the minimum age limit of consumption and shall be mandated to prevent any racial or socioeconomic basis in the determination of the minimum age limit of consumption.
- D. The elimination of homelessness shall be based upon the *Home, Together: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness* outline as published by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness.
- E. The program ending homelessness shall be allotted \$6 billion dollars from the savings from the elimination of drug enforcement services.
- F. For those that are currently in prison with non-violent drug-related offenses will receive federally-funded rehabilitation into society upon release

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice; Internal Revenue Service; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness shall be the government department/agencies/organizations responsible for the enforcement of this legislation.

- A. The Internal Revenue Service shall be responsible for the implementation of the taxation methods of this bill.
- B. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall be responsible for the execution of the national needle exchange program.
- C. The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness shall be responsible for enacting the ending of homelessness.
- D. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall be renamed Bureau of Drugs, Firearms and Explosives and shall not only enforce this legislation but also target, identify, and dismantle criminal enterprises with ties to violent crime, that traffic drugs into and within the United States.
- E. The Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Justice shall be responsible for the rehabilitation of inmates with only illicit drug consumption charges.
- F. This legislation shall be enacted upon passage.

SECTION 4. Temporary funding shall be authorized from the discretionary funding of the necessary departments/agencies/branches as deemed required by the Congressional Budget Office until the next fiscal year's budget is approved by this congress which includes funding for the departments as appropriated by and for this legislation shall be placed into the budgets of the proper departments.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby amended to be in accordance to this legislation.

*Respectfully Submitted by
North Hills High School*