

## **Middle School Congress Legislation: Fall 2019-2020**

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## A Bill to Forgive All Student Loan Debt after Five Years

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All current and future student loan debt held by individuals after five years of qualifying payments shall be forgiven.

**SECTION 2.** Student loan debt refers to debt from loans for higher education, qualifying payments refer to timely payments made toward paying off student loans, forgiven means that the remaining money owed will be the burden of the lender to cover.

**SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education and the United States Treasury will oversee the enforcement of the bill to ensure no violations occur by lenders and that all qualifying payments are processed.

A. Any lenders found to still be collecting payments after the five years of qualifying payments will be fined \$1 million per incidence.

B. All money collected from fines will be used to fund materials for public schools in the United States.

**SECTION 4.** This policy will go into effect at the start of the 2021 fiscal year.

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

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## A Bill to Require Mental Health Training for Government Employees

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All current and future government employees must complete a  
3 government approved mental health first aid program every three years.

4 **SECTION 2.** Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches you how to help  
5 someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing  
6 a mental health crisis.

7 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Health will oversee the enforcement of  
8 the bill.

9 A. This covers all governmental employees in the public sector.

10 B. Any company violating this bill will be fined \$250,000 per violation.

11 **SECTION 4.** This policy will go into effect at the start of the 2021 fiscal year.

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

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A Bill to Allow Convicted Felons to Vote to Promote Equality in America

## A Bill to Allow Convicted Felons to Vote to Promote Equality in America

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall hereby allow convicted  
3 felons to vote after their sentence is completed and thereby diversify the  
4 voting sector and advocate for equality within America.

5 **SECTION 2.** Convicted felons will be excluded to those who have not been convicted  
6 for murder or a sexual felony. The completion of sentences includes but  
7 not limited to prison, parole, and probation.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) will oversee the enforcement of this  
9 bill along with Amendment 4 , the Voting Rights Restoration for Felons  
10 Initiative, in the Florida Constitution.

11 A. The BOP will oversee the organization and management of felon  
12 identification files.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by January of 2023.

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

## A Resolution to Create a More Sustainable United States Healthcare System

### A Resolution to Create a More Sustainable United States Healthcare System

1   **WHEREAS,**   The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA) introduced  
2                   the prospects for major reforms in payment for and organization of care,  
3                   in prevention and population health, and in approaches to continuous  
4                   improvement. Yet it remains under legal assault and a cloud of  
5                   controversy; and

6   **WHEREAS,**   Although annual health care spending in the United States nears \$10,739  
7                   per person (\$3.5 trillion), the current system is eroding—often denying  
8                   patients basic services; and

9   **WHEREAS,**   Inequitable distribution of resources continues, and an increasing  
10                  number of American families do not have access to adequate care; and

11   **WHEREAS,**   The U.S. has higher prices for most health care services and prescription  
12                  drugs, and spends almost double per person than any other comparable  
13                  wealthy country according to available internationally comparable data.  
14                  Meanwhile, utilization of several services, including physician  
15                  consultations and hospital stays, is lower than in many comparable  
16                  countries; now, therefore, be it

17   **RESOLVED,**   By the Congress here assembled that the United States develop a new  
18                  Universal healthcare system by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

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## **A Resolution to Better Define the Term “Emergency” for the Scope of Executive National Emergency Powers**

1. **WHEREAS,** The executive branch has the power to
2. declare
3. a state of national emergency; and
4. **WHEREAS,** This allows the executive branch broad
5. powers that supersede the designated
6. powers intended
7. to the branch; and
8. **WHEREAS,** Improper use of these emergency powers
9. allows an opportunity of Constitutional
10. overreach; and
11. **WHEREAS,** Ensuring the checks and balances of our
12. nation’s Constitution is an important role of the
13. Legislative branch; now, therefore, be it
14. **RESOLVED,** That the Student
15. Congress here assembled better define the
16. scope of the term “emergency” for these
17. executive powers.