

NSDA FLORIDA MANATEE DISTRICT
CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE
FINAL ROUND LEGISLATION
HOUSE

MARCH 7TH & 8TH, 2024

A Bill to Extend the Maternity Leave

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Family and Medical Leave Act shall be amended to extend maternity
2 leave to 36 weeks of paid labor
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Maternity leave is defined as the period of absence from work granted to
4 parents after the birth of her child.
5 Paid labor is defined as at least 90% of the parent's regular pay
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will oversee this legislation.
7 A. Penalties for noncompliance of this bill will include \$250 or a 5%
8 penalty based on total revenues.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1 2025. All laws in conflict with
10 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by West Broward High.

A Bill to Set Fair Labor Standards for Tipped Wages

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will amend Title 29 of the US Labor Code to require
3 that companies with tipped employees are paid minimum wages.

4 **SECTION 2.** Once passed companies have 6 months to adhere before penalties will be
5 enforced.

6 **SECTION 3.** Penalties may include but are not limited to:

7 A. A fine of 15% of the company's average annual income

8 B. Ineligibility for any tax credits

9 **SECTION 4.** The United States Department of Labor as well as the Internal Revenue
10 Service will be responsible with overseeing and enforcing this legislation.

11 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st 2024. All laws in conflict
12 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Nova High School.

A Bill to Kickstart the Amelioration of Trustees (K.A.T. ACT)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Sentences given to eligible inmates will now include the option to
2. choose between serving the duration of their sentence in a standard prison
3. or serving up to 15 years of their sentence in a private rehabilitation
4. facility. The time an inmate may spend in a rehabilitation facility may be
5. extended for good behavior depending on the ruling of the applicable
6. jurisdiction.
7. **SECTION 2.** A. “Rehabilitation facilities” shall be defined as private institutions
8. including both psychiatric hospitals, drug/alcohol
9. rehabilitation complexes, or designated education facilities.
10. B. i. “Eligible inmates” shall be defined as any offenders convicted
11. on nonviolent charges. Until more private contracts are
12. signed/more private facilities are constructed, priority
13. selection shall be provided to those convicted on ‘three
14. strikes laws’.
15. ii. Those already convicted on charges that would make them
16. eligible for rehabilitation relocation may be retried/charged
17. after 5 years of their sentence have been served.
18. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice in conjunction with local jurisdictions shall be
19. charged with the implementation and oversight of this bill
20. A. \$1 billion will be allotted from the Department of Justice’s
21. budget in order to provide oversight and expedite processing
22. times.
23. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented immediately upon passage.
24. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
25. void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Western High School

A Bill to Lower Prescription Drug Costs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will enact a markup cap for all prescription drugs.

3 **A.** The United States will cap markup prices by companies at 7% for
4 prescription drugs.

5 **B.** Companies that refuse to follow the legislation will have a federal tax
6 on profits double than the percentage of markup costs.

7 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions apply:

8 **A.** Prescription drugs will be defined as any drug that is obtained with a
9 prescription.

10 **B.** Markup caps will be defined as a method to prevent companies from
11 marking up manufactured products to gain more profit.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration along with the Internal Revenue
13 Service will be responsible for the implementation of this bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of FY 2026

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cypress Bay High School.