

Mercer Tournament Legislation

#1

A BILL TO REFORM MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All mental health facilities will be standardized and screened annually.

SECTION 2. Mental health facilities shall be defined as any institution, hospital, ward, sanctuary, etc. that claims to provide psychiatric assistance.

SECTION 3. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) shall oversee that:

- a. All establishments shall follow a standardized template set by SAMHSA to avoid abuse of power
- b. Annual screening shall occur to ensure facilities are in optimal condition
 - i. Screening will include inspection of the facilities and treatment techniques used by each
- c. 20 billion dollars will be reallocated from the budget of the Department of Health and Human Services in order to implement this piece of legislation

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025

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

Respectfully submitted,

North Allegheny Senior High School

#2

A Bill to Fund Educators

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Upon completion of a college degree, State Certified teachers, who work in Public Schools, will be eligible for a Loan Forgiveness Program upon completion of a 4-year teaching contract

- A. An increase of 10% property taxes and an additional 10% income taxes on Large Corporations shall be allocated to the Department of Education

SECTION 2. "Loan Forgiveness Program" will be defined as "a corporation that had, or whose predecessor had, taxable income of 1\$ million or more for any of the 3 tax years immediately preceding the 2023 tax year, or if less, the number of years the corporation has existed

SECTION 3. The federal Department of Education and the IRS will oversee the enforcement of this bill. Any certified teacher who does not finish their 4-year teaching contract will have to pay back their proration of with a 10% interest

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Upper St. Clair High School

#3

A Bill to Eliminate Single-Family Zoning Mandates

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All mandatory single-family zoning laws are hereby illegal. All
3 municipalities must allow additional housing unit proposals for a single
4 plot of land. Municipalities will be encouraged by the Department of
5 Housing and Urban Development to implement mixed-use zoning and
6 general residential zoning practices that allow for all forms of residential
7 housing.

8 **SECTION 2.** Single-family zoning is defined as a form of exclusionary zoning that
9 explicitly or effectively prohibits any other residential housing except for
10 detached, single-family homes.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Housing and
12 Urban Development (HUD).

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on November 1, 2024. All laws in conflict
14 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Millburn High School

#4

A Bill to Define the School Week Length

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will mandate that all federally funded schools reject the
3 application of or dismantle their current system of a four-day school week
4 and switch to a 5-day school week.

5 **SECTION 2.** There are 800 school districts in the United States of America that are
6 currently on a 4-day school week. The school week is defined as the
7 number and length of days that students attend school. The four-day
8 school week is an increasingly popular topic in education that, instead of
9 placing the start of the school week on Monday and the end of the school
10 week on Friday like in a 5-day school week with students being in school
11 for 6 hours, places the start of the school week on Monday and the end of
12 the school week on Thursday with students generally spending 7 hours in
13 schools.

14 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Education, as well as local and appointed school
15 boards will oversee and enforce the dismantling of the 4-day school week
16 in any school that has implemented the system, as well as make the
17 adjustments to the school's schedules in combination with the school
18 faculty.

19 **SECTION 4.** The reimplementation of the 5-day school week as well as the
20 adjustments to their schedules must be completed by August 31st, 2024.

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

Introduced by LaSalle College High School

#5

A Bill to Increase Counterterrorism Efforts in Somalia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall officially increase
3 counterterrorism efforts in Somalia.

4 **SECTION 2.** Counterterrorism efforts shall include bottom-stabilization efforts with the
5 Somali military.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State will oversee the implementation of
7 this legislation.

8 A. 1000 more troops will be deployed to Somalia in addition to the 450
9 military personnel already there.

10 B. 250 million USD will be sent to cover costs such as soldier salaries,
11 military equipment, food, and fuel.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025.

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

Introduced by Durham Academy

#6

A Bill to Restrict the Use of Artificial Intelligence Technologies in Healthcare

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models are hereby banned from
2 use in healthcare settings unless a human operator retains decision-making
3 control at every step of the process. Under no circumstances should the
4 aforementioned technologies be implemented without proper controls.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** "Artificial Intelligence" is defined as any technology which makes
6 autonomous decisions without human input. "Large Language Models" are
7 defined as any chatbot technology that can process natural language and
8 autonomously generate a response.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement of this bill will be delegated to the Department of Health and
10 Human Services. Healthcare entities found to be in violation of this bill will be
11 fined no less than \$10,000 per violation.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passing. All laws in conflict
13 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by American Heritage School – Broward.

#7

A Bill to Implement a Non-Vital Organ Trade to Increase Transplants

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A. Title III Section 301 of the National Organ Transplant Act of 1984 is hereby
2 repealed.
- 3 B. Individuals may be compensated for the donation of non-vital organs or
4 tissue for transplantation by the recipient of the transplant.
- 5 C. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly acquire, receive, or
6 otherwise transfer any vital human organ or tissue.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** "Compensation" shall be defined as payment of money in exchange for a
8 service rendered. "Non-vital" shall be defined as something that a person can
9 survive without. "Organ" shall be defined as a collection of tissues that
10 structurally form a functional unit specialized to perform a particular
11 function. "Tissue" shall be defined as a group of cells with similar structures
12 and functioning together as a unit. "Vital" shall be defined as something
13 necessary to maintain life.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the
15 implementation of this legislation.
- 16 A. The USDHHS must approve all compensation provided for non-vital organ
17 and tissue donations prior to the transaction.
- 18 B. Any individual found transferring human organs or tissue for profit without
19 approval from the USDHHS will be faced with criminal charges for the illicit
20 sale of human organs and shall be fined up to 50,000 dollars and face up to
21 five years imprisonment.
- 22 C. All transactions of human organs or tissue that occur under this legislation
23 must follow current organ transplantation guidelines and processes outlined
24 in the amended National Organ Transplant Act of 1984.
- 25 This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 26 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Horizon High School

#8

A Bill to Set Sustainable Student Maximums for the Nation's Teachers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All schools within the United States are directed to assign no more than 90
2 students to each teacher within a given school year, and to assign no more
3 than 25 students to a given class period.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Any federally funded school or school district that violates this legislation
5 shall lose said funding until such time as compliance is reached.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** To support compliance with this legislation, Congress shall increase the
7 annual budget of the Department of Education by \$10 billion, with these
8 funds to be used to support schools in hiring additional teachers and building
9 additional classrooms as necessary.
- 10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education.
- 11 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
- 12 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.