

**2025 NORTH ALLEGHENY MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT  
CONGRESS LEGISLATION PACKET**

# Bill #1

## A Bill to increase funding for the arts in schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** The state of Ohio shall hereby create a grant available to all qualifying Ohio public schools for the use to assist in funding their respective art programs
- SECTION 2.** Art programs shall be defined as any program that involves music, the visual arts, graphic art, photography and drama
- SECTION 3.** The Ohio Department of Education will be in charge of funding and deciding which schools will qualify for the grant
- A. The grant shall contain enough money needed to properly start or innovate an art program in the qualifying school
  - B. Schools that qualify are ones that either have no art program, recently cut theirs due to budget constraints, or their art program is severely underfunded
  - C. The Ohio Department of Education will also oversee the creation of a board that will be in charge of deciding which schools meet the requirements and hence receive the funding
  - D. If the school fails to use the grant properly, as seen by the board, they will be forced to repay the funding back to the grant
- SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect upon passage to give schools time to apply before the next school year
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## Bill #2

### A Resolution to Stabilize the Congolese-Rwandan Border

- 1   **WHEREAS,**    Current fighting between Rwandan rebel groups and the Congolese army
- 2   has displaced 7 million people; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**    This internal displacement has left hundreds of thousands of Congolese
- 4   people stranded without access to humanitarian aid and resulted in thousands of deaths
- 5   at the hands of violence; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**    The United Nations has found evidence that the Rwandan military is
- 7   fighting alongside the rebel groups in an attempt to reclaim territory in eastern
- 8   Democratic Republic of Congo; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**    Both the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda have refused to end
- 10   the conflict diplomatically at the cost of exacerbating a humanitarian crisis; now,
- 11   therefore, be it
- 12   **RESOLVED,**   That the Congress here assembled spend \$1 billion USD on non-
- 13   governmental organization (NGO) humanitarian aid for the Democratic Republic of
- 14   Congo; and, be it
- 15   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the United States will serve as a neutral mediator in peace
- 16   talks between Congolese and Rwandan officials.

## Bill #3

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### **A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY BASE IN EGYPT TO COMBAT TERRORISM**

1     WHEREAS, Egypt is facing instability within their borders while dealing with increased  
2                   threat of violence from terrorist groups, mainly by the Islamic State of Iraq  
3                   and Syria (ISIS); and

4     WHEREAS, hundreds of people are being killed every year due to an increase of  
5                   attacks, and the government is unable to stop them; and

6     WHEREAS, Egypt is an invaluable ally to the United States and it is in a prime strategic  
7                   location in the center of North Africa and on the border of the Middle East;

8     THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Congress here assembled shall encourage  
9                   the construction of a joint military base in Egypt between the United States  
10                  Army and the Egyptian government to provide stability to the region and  
11                  nearby countries; and, be it

11    FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States shall provide the necessary funding to  
12                  create and maintain the base to the Egyptian government.

# Bill #4

## PUERTO RICO AND D.C. STATE ADMISSION ACT

1 BE IT ENACTED BY CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The passage of this legislation will allow for Puerto Rico and the District  
3 of Columbia. to become U.S. states.

4 **SECTION 2.** If this legislation were to pass, people living in these areas would be  
5 granted rights like those living in the 50 U.S. states.

6 **SECTION 3.** As per every state, they will both receive 2 senate seats. Puerto Rico will  
7 receive 5 electors and 5 voting delegates. Additionally, D.C. will receive 3  
8 electors and 5 voting delegates. If they were to become states, there would  
9 be 104 senators, 543 electors, and 443 representatives in total.

10 **SECTION 4.** The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will review the  
11 state constitutions and grant state citizenship to all citizens living in these 12  
said areas. Additionally, the new United States flag will have 2 more stars,  
13 representing D.C. and Puerto Rico.

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

## Bill #5

## A Resolution to Phase Out Football in American High Schools

1     **WHEREAS,**     Behavior among people who played high school football can include severe  
2                     depression, suicidal thoughts and actions, loss of memory, early onset dementia,  
3                     and a higher risk of alcohol and drug abuse; and

4     **WHEREAS,**     Repeated sub-concussive hits and tackling are a normal part of the game and  
5                     these actions have been proven to lead to CTE; and

6     **WHEREAS,**     75% of football players receive concussions, many of them during the ages when  
7                     their brains are still developing; and

8     **WHEREAS,**     There are countless other options for students to participate in athletic activities  
9                     with less risk of long-term brain injury; and

10    **WHEREAS,**     Football programs in the United States are disproportionally funded and many  
11                     districts across the nation are having trouble funding academics and fine arts  
12                     programs; now, therefore, be it

13    **RESOLVED,**    By the Congress here assembled that all public schools in the United States  
14                     phase out football as a school-sponsored extra-curricular activity by 2030.

# Bill #6

## A BILL TO PIVOT US ENERGY TO SOLAR POWER

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** 20% of all subsidies currently going towards fossil fuel companies  
3 will be halted every 2 years and transferred over to solar power.

4 A. 1 / 4 of the subsidies will be directed to private companies for the  
5 purposes of increasing research, development, and innovation.

6 B. 3 / 4 of the subsidies will be used for the construction of major solar  
7 farms on public land.

8 C. 20% of current subsidies are transferred over every 2 years so 10 years  
9 after the passage of this legislation, fossil fuels will not be receiving any  
10 subsidies.

11 **SECTION 2.** Public land shall be defined as land owned by the federal government,  
12 excluding national parks and ecologically protected land. "Major solar  
13 farm" shall be defined as a high-density assemblage of solar panels over 50  
14 or more square kilometers, primarily in desert land.

15 **SECTION 3.** The General Services Administration, in collaboration with the Department  
16 of Energy, shall be tasked with implementing this legislation.

17 A. These departments will work in conjunction with private operators if  
18 needed for the purposes of constructing the solar farms.

19 B. Every year, the Department of Energy must release a progress report of  
20 solar energy capabilities and if Congress rules that they are adequate, they  
21 may proceed for the next year. If Congress rules that they are inadequate,  
22 they may halt this operation immediately.

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

# Bill #7

## A BILL TO REFORM JOB APPLICATIONS FOR NONVIOLENT CRIMINALS TO DIFFERENTIATE CRIMINAL RECORDS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**WHEREAS,** Current job applications do not differentiate nonviolent and violent criminal records making it harder for ex-offenders to get jobs; and,

**WHEREAS,** This current issue affects a large majority of ex-offenders and the inherent need for a solution is constant until resolved; and,

**WHEREAS,** The current job applications do not allow ex-offenders differentiate their criminal history which then makes it harder for them to acquire jobs after incarceration which could have fateful consequences such as turning back to illegal income; and,

**WHEREAS,** Job applications will be reformed in the sense that they will no longer have one box to check inquiring about previous felonies. Instead, two boxes, One shall be labeled "non violent criminal record" and the other shall be labeled "violent criminal record" Beside each box will be a space for the specific crime that was committed to be notated; "Violent criminal record" shall be defined as an act that was done with the intent, or resulted in the injury of a person, or a place and/or building being destroyed; and,

**WHEREAS,** This resolution shall be overseen by the United States Department of Labor; Businesses shall continue to be fined \$5,000 for each month that applications have not been modified to fit the new criteria; and,

**WHEREAS,** Upon passage, this bill will be implemented in the following fiscal year; now, therefore, be it,

**RESOLVED.** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for solution a call for action; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.



# Bill #8

## A Bill to Mandate Compassionate Family Seating on Airplanes

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. No commercial airline may sell tickets to a family unit and charge extra to seat that family  
3 unit in adjacent seating, presuming sufficient adjacent seats are available at the time the  
4 tickets are purchased.

5 SECTION 2. A family unit is defined as one or more parents or legal guardians traveling with one or  
6 more of their legal dependent children who are under the age of 16. Adjacent seating is  
7 defined as seating that is in the same row and unseparated by other seats or an aisle. If  
8 the size of a family unit exceeds the number of truly adjacent seats available on the  
9 airplane (whether due to the seating arrangements of the aircraft or to certain seats  
10 already having been sold), the definition of adjacency shall be expanded to allow an  
11 airline to seat a family unit across one or more aisles from one another or in seats that  
12 are directly in front of/behind one another but in separate rows.

13 SECTION 3. Any airline that is found to have violated this legislation shall be ordered to refund double  
14 the entire cost of the itinerary to the affected family unit.

15 SECTION 4. This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

16 SECTION 5. This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

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