

A BILL TO ENSURE PAID MATERNITY LEAVE

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Section 1: Maternity leave throughout the United States and its territories shall be 16
3 weeks of paid leave.

4 Section 2: Maternity leave shall be defined as a period of absence for a new mother
5 from work beginning 2 weeks before the child's due date that allows the
6 mother to give birth, take care of her newborn baby, and recover.

7 Section 3: For the duration of the maternity leave, the person shall be paid 50% of
8 their current salary.

9 Section 4: The Department of Health and Human Services shall oversee the
10 enforcement and funding of this legislation.

11 Section 5: This legislation will take effect January 1, 2026.

12 Section 6: All other laws in conflict with this new policy are hereby declared null and
13 void.

Respectfully submitted,

North Catholic High School

A Bill to Regulate Artificial Sugars

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Food manufacturers and distributors are hereby required to label artificial
2 sugars (for example aspartame) as a sugar.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), alongside the Internal Revenue
4 Service (IRS) will oversee this new legislation. Enforcement for this
5 legislation will be funded through an extra 5 cent tax on products
6 containing artificial sugars.
- 7 A. On nutrition labels, or anything similar, there must be a row below
8 "Including added sugars" that says "Including artificial sugars." If the
9 FDA deems necessary, artificial sugars should also count towards the
10 percent daily value of sugar.
- 11 B. Products containing aspartame or any other artificial sugars may not be
12 labelled as sugar free. Furthermore, products must clearly state
13 whether or not products contain natural, added, and/or artificial sugar
14 on the front of packaging.
- 15 **SECTION 3.** Companies found in violation of this bill will face a 5 million dollar fine per
16 unit, and
17 each resulting offense increasing in fines by 10 million dollars per unit.
- 18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pittsburgh Allderdice High School

A BILL TO CURB UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRATION AT THE US-CANADIAN BORDER

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The US should work diligently to curb undocumented immigration from the North by imposing more personnel, and immigration stations on the northern border

SECTION 2. An “immigration station” shall be defined as a place designated for the treatment, documentation, or detainment of any undocumented immigrants who wish to cross over into the USA.

SECTION 3. The Department of Homeland Security and more specifically, the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall be tasked with the implementation of this legislation

a. The Congress should further a budget of 1 billion dollars to fund and enforce this legislation

B. The \$1 billion dollars shall go towards the training and employment of guards, and the construction of these immigration centers.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2027

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

Respectfully submitted,

North Allegheny Senior High School

A Bill to Extend Funding for the Hospital-At-Home Program

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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3 The Medicare waiver for Hospital-At-Home programs shall be extended
4 through December 31, 2029, to allow for continuation and further
5 development of Hospital-At-Home programs.

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7 All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and
void.

Introduced by Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh

A Bill To Mandate Schools To Incorporate Security Systems

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All public schools from K-12 will now be forced to incorporate security
3 systems in schools for the safety of students and teachers, and federal inspections to
4 ensure that schools are following this regulation.

5 **SECTION 2.** Security systems that will be implemented include metal detectors, at least
6 2 active school guards, and require all schools to have bulletproof glass and easily
7 lockable doors. Inspectors from the government will look in schools once every year to
8 check whether schools have all of the mechanisms as listed above.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee the passing of this
10 bill. 15 billion dollars will be transferred from the United States Department of Treasury
11 to the Department of Education. Schools will now be legally obligated to incorporate
12 these security measures. Failure to comply to this will result in these following
13 penalties:

14 **A.)** If during the annual inspection, the school has failed to incorporate these systems, it
15 will lose all of its funding until it has achieved the safety measures,

17 **B.)** If any gun or knife incident were to occur within a school, and upon inspection it
18 does not have the proper mechanisms in place, superintendent and principal of the school
19 will be charged with third degree murder.

20 **SECTION 4.** Date of implementation will be August 1, 2026

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

Respectfully submitted,
Hampton High School

A Bill to Ban the Pledge of Allegiance in Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The mass reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance initiated by adults is hereby
2 banned in all American public schools.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** “Pledge of Allegiance” shall be defined as any variation of the Thirty-one
4 words that affirm the values and freedom of the American flag.
5 “Mass reciting” shall be defined as the speaking of words by at least 10
6 individuals.
7 A “public school” shall be defined as an educational institution that is
8 funded and operated by the government, providing free education to
9 students.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Pledge of Allegiance has long been revered as an embodiment of core
11 American values. Yet by its very nature, the pledge is an assault on the
12 principles of freedom and liberty espoused by the Founding Fathers and the
13 Constitution.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be overseen and enforced by the Department of Education.
15 **A.** Any institutions in violation of this bill shall receive a \$150,000 budget
16 cut for the first offense and \$200,000 for each subsequent violation.
- 17 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this
18 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cameron Fullerton

Wheeling Park High School

A Bill to Legalize Private Sale of Human Organs

1 Be it enacted by this Palm Beach Catholic Forensic League Student Congress here

2 assembled that:

3 **ARTICLE I:** Sale of human organs by their owner to consumers will now be legal

4 **ARTICLE II:** Human Organs is defined as, "a group of tissues in a living organism that

5 have been adapted to perform a specific function."

6 **ARTICLE III:** Any 25 year old human may elect to sell their organs to a willing

7 purchaser as long as it meets the following requirements:

1.) The organ cannot be one whose absence causes direct death

2.) All sales must be overseen and approved by a new executive agency

with screenings for any physical, mental, or genetic conditions that

may alter the quality of organs or create a lack of complete consent

3.) Each US State will receive categorical grants of 5 million dollars per

year to establish satellite outposts in their state to process requests

8 The Congress will appropriate 150 million dollars for the creation of

9 "The US Department of Organ Sales."

10 The penalty for unregistered sale of organs will be classified as a human

11 trafficking crime, with a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 20 years

11 **ARTICLE IV:** The US Department of Organ Sales will oversee the enforcement of this

legislation. This legislation will go into effect January 20th 2025

15 **ARTICLE V:** All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by John I Leonard High School

A Bill to Accelerate Hypersonic Defense Innovation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense (DoD) shall initiate a comprehensive program
2 to research, develop, and deploy hypersonic weapon systems.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Hypersonic weapons shall be defined as any weapon which travels at
4 Mach-5 (five times the speed of sound), with capabilities for offensive and
5 defensive operations.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall receive \$6 billion a year over the next five
7 fiscal years to be used for research, development, testing, and eventual
8 deployment with funding allocated as follows:
- 9 A. 40% will be allocated for research and development.
- 10 B. 30% will be allocated for collaboration with private sector defense
11 contractors and university research institutions.
- 12 C. 20% will be allocated for testing and evaluation of prototypes.
- 13 D. 10% for defensive countermeasures and surveillance systems designed
14 to detect hypersonic weapons.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** The Secretary of Defense shall oversee the program in coordination with
16 the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) ensuring that all
17 development meets strategic needs and international laws. The Secretary
18 of Defense shall submit annual reports to Congress detailing
19 advancements, expenditures, and security outcomes.
- 20 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.
- 21 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pinecrest High School