

# Advanced Nuclear Feasibility Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**   A board will be created to establish a competitive program to award grants  
2                   on a competitive basis to eligible low-income communities to conduct  
3                   studies for the siting, construction, and operation of advanced nuclear  
4                   reactors. Depending on the results of the studies, further grants shall be  
5                   allocated towards the building and maintaining of future plants.

6   **SECTION 2.**   The term 'advanced nuclear reactor' means a nuclear fission or fusion  
7                   reactor, including a prototype plant, with significant improvements  
8                   compared to commercial nuclear reactors.  
9                   'Studies' will include, but not be limited to, analysis of energy demand, job  
10                  markets, health impacts, and environmental impacts regarding water  
11                  cooling and land usage. Studies will be annually reviewed to ensure the  
12                  safety of power plants.

13 **SECTION 3.**   The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee enforcement of today's  
14                   legislation.  
15                   A. The EPA will establish a board to oversee the distribution of grants and  
16                   the validity of studies. B. The board will ensure that grants go to  
17                   B. The board will ensure that grants go to communities that are  
18                   determined to have economic need via unemployment and poverty  
19                   levels above the national average as reported by the Census Bureau.

20 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this  
21                   legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Xaverian High School.*

# A Bill to Improve Students' Knowledge of Financial Literacy

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   All public high school students shall be required to complete a mandatory  
2                   financial literacy class.
- 3                   The course shall include the following topics: credit and debit management,  
4                   budgeting and saving, investing, tax basics, insurance basics, career and  
5                   income planning, and digital financial tools.
- 6   **SECTION 2.**   “Financial Literacy” is defined as the ability to understand and use financial  
7                   skills to make informed decisions about money.
- 8                   “Mandatory” is defined as required for graduation
- 9                   “Investing” is defined as types of investments, strategies, and costs.
- 10                  “Taxes basics” is defined as learning about common types of taxes: income,  
11                  payroll, sales, and property taxes.
- 12                  “Digital financial tools” is defined as online banking, mobile payments, and  
13                  digital advice apps.
- 14   **SECTION 3.**   The U.S. The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of  
15                   this legislation with the help of state education agencies.
- 16                  A. State and local education agencies will implement these federal  
17                   mandates and can alter the curriculum for specific requirements or  
18                   necessities.
- 19                  B. Federal funding shall be withheld from any non-compliant states,  
20                   schools, or districts
- 21   **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on July 10, 2025
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- SECTION 5.**   All sections of laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
                            and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Blake Rabinowitz  
Half Hollow Hills High School East*

## A Bill to Create a Minimum Wage for Working Inmates

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All private prisons shall pay their working inmates a minimum wage of  
2 \$7.25 per hour.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** a. "Working inmates" are defined as prisoners in private prisons who do  
4 labor for their prisons (i.e. cooking, cleaning, etc.)  
5 b. "Minimum wage" is defined as the minimum amount of money a  
6 working inmate must make per hour.  
7 c. "Private prisons" are defined as prisons and correctional facilities not  
8 owned and/or operated by the federal, state, or local government.
- 9 **SECTION 3.** a. Any and all private prisons who do not adhere to this minimum wage by  
10 the time this legislation takes effect will be paid half as much as they  
11 previously were by the government in all future payments until they  
12 adhere to the \$7.25 minimum wage.  
13 b. This legislation will be overseen jointly by the Federal Bureau of Prisons  
14 (FBOP) and the Department of Labor (DOL).
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with  
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.  
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*Introduced for debate by Louis Oh-Aronson of Stuyvesant High School.*

# **A Bill to Grant Voting Rights to Felons in All 50 States**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

## **Section 1.**

All individuals convicted of felony offenses shall have their voting rights restored upon completion of their sentence, including imprisonment, parole, probation, and payment of any court-ordered fines or fees.

## **Section 2.**

A. *Felony offenses* refer to any criminal offense classified as a felony under the laws of the state where the offense was committed.

B. *Completion of sentence* refers to the full discharge of an individual's legal obligations, including imprisonment, parole, probation, and court-ordered financial penalties.

C. *Eligible to vote* means the right to register and participate in federal, state, and local elections.

## **Section 3.**

A. The Federal Election Commission (FEC) shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this law, ensuring states comply with its provisions.

B. The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) shall conduct outreach programs to inform eligible individuals of their restored voting rights and collaborate with state and local election officials to streamline voter registration for returning citizens.

## **Section 4.**

This law shall 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 AF Ujima High School**

## A Bill to Reform Campaign Finance

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Have Congress grant 10 million dollars to each presidential candidate to spend on their campaign.

Section 2. Set the required polling numbers to qualify at 1 percent nationally as to encourage third party candidates.

Section 3. Ban private donations to presidential candidates as to limit the influence of corporations on our politicians.

Section 4. Limit the influence of Super PACS by banning the airing of political ads on television that are not directly paid for by the campaign.

Respectfully submitted by  
Pelham Memorial High School

# A Bill to Prohibit The Use Of Cryptocurrency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1   **SECTION 1.**

- 2       1. All transfers of cryptocurrency in the United States in exchange for United States  
3       goods or services will be prohibited.
- 4       2. All transfers of cryptocurrency outside of the United States that resulted in the  
5       importation or delivery of products or service into the United States is prohibited.
- 6       3. The intention to commit such crimes will be prohibited.
- 7       4. Corporations who are found guilty may be fined no more than 30% of profit or  
8       20% of asset value, whichever is higher in value.
- 9       5. Individuals found guilty may be jailed no more for 1 and/or fined 5000\$ if goods or  
10      money is valued less than or equal to 10,000\$ .
- 11      6. Individuals found guilty may be jailed no more than 4 years and/or fined 25,000\$,  
12      if goods if cryptocurrency is valued more than 10,000\$,
- 13      7. In no way should this be construed to ban the exchange of crypto currency with  
14      dollars as a security and/or commodity on market.

15   **SECTION 2.**

- 16      1. United States Goods or Services shall be defined as any good located, imported,  
17      bound for, the United States, its territories, embassies, or property within another  
18      country.
- 19      2. Cryptocurrency is defined as digital currency not regulated by a government.

20   **SECTION 3.**

- 21      1. The Department Of Homeland Security, Department of Justice will execute  
22      enforcement of this law.
- 23          a. The Department of Justice will use its law enforcement officers to enforce  
24          the law in the United States and prosecute individuals and corporations  
25          who violate it.
- 26          b. The Department of Homeland Security will use its law enforcement  
27          agencies to interdict goods that are illegal under the law and enforce the  
28          law itself.

29   **SECTION 4.**

- 30      1. This legislation will take effect on October 1st 2025. All laws in conflict with this  
31      legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by James Condon.*

# **A Bill to Establish Public Homeless Shelters to Address Homelessness Nationwide**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

## **Section 1.**

Each city in the United States shall establish and operate Public Homeless shelters, providing temporary housing and essential support services to individuals experiencing homelessness. Funding shall be allocated proportionally based on the severity of homelessness in the city.

## **Section 2.**

Homeless shelters are defined as facilities providing safe temporary lodging, meals, hygiene facilities, and access to support services such as mental health counseling, job training, addiction treatment, and other interventions aimed at transitioning individuals to stable housing.

City is defined as an incorporated municipality with a population of 10,000 or more.

Severity of homelessness is determined by the number of individuals experiencing homelessness as reported in the annual HUD Point-In-Time (PIT) count and the availability of existing support infrastructure.

## **Section 3.**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shall oversee the implementation and funding of this policy.

1. HUD will provide grants to municipalities to build, renovate, and operate homeless shelters, with funds distributed relative to the severity of homelessness across the U.S.
2. Cities failing to comply with this mandate within two fiscal years of the law's enactment shall face a reduction in federal housing grants by 10% annually until compliance is achieved.
3. HUD shall issue annual public reports detailing funding allocations, shelter operations, expenditures, and performance metrics, such as the rate of successful transitions to stable housing.

## **Section 4.**

This legislation will take effect in FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **Section 5.**

HUD shall provide technical assistance to municipalities struggling with compliance or those in regions with limited resources to ensure equitable implementation.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Coney Island Prep*

## A Resolution to Acknowledge the Multi-Religious Composition of America

- 1       Whereas over the course of the past 300 years immigrants have been welcomed into the
- 2               United States from many different countries embracing many different religious
- 3               faiths, and
- 4       Whereas the followers of these more recent faiths have been growing in number over
- 5               the years, and
- 6       Whereas their faiths should be equally recognized and respected, and
- 7       Whereas the only religion thus far honored with a national holiday is Christianity - with
- 8               Christmas so honored
- 9       Be it resolved in Student Congress here assembled that additional national holidays
- 10              should be declared in recognition of these other major faiths in the United States

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Mary Louis Academy

# **A Bill to Implement Desalination Plants in the U.S**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- Section 1:** The U.S Federal Government shall hereby invest in desalination plants within a 50 mile radius of at risk coastal cities.
- Section 2A.** Desalination plants shall be defined as industrial facilities that use chemical or physical processes to reduce or recover salt concentrations from water supplies.
- Section 2B.** Coastal cities shall be defined as cities located on the interface or transition areas between land and sea, including large inland lakes with access to saltwater.
- Section 2C.** “At risk” shall be defined as cities that experience drought on average of at least one month per year according to data provided by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) since 2015.
- Section 3:** The Department of Interior (DOI) will be given 20 billion dollars to be allotted to private and state entities for the creation of desalination plants. The Bureau of Reclamation will be tasked with investing an additional 20 million dollars into research and development through grants. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will regulate the disposal of brine and other waste products.
- Section 4:** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2024.
- Section 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Submitted for Congressional Debate by Syosset High School*

## **A Bill to Ban All Social Media for Children Under the Age of 16**

### **BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** Children under the age of 16 are prohibited from creating, using, or accessing social media platforms within the United States, except for the following limited circumstances:

- A. Educational purposes explicitly verified by a school or educational institution.
- B. Verified health-related needs as determined by a licensed healthcare provider.

**SECTION 2.** The purpose of this Act is to protect children's mental and emotional well-being by addressing the following concerns:

- A. Social media platforms expose children to harmful content, including cyberbullying, inappropriate material, and online predators.
- B. Excessive screen time associated with social media use negatively affects cognitive, emotional, and social development.
- C. Children under 16 are particularly vulnerable to these risks due to their developing cognitive and emotional maturity.

**SECTION 3.** To ensure compliance and enforcement:

- A. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.
- B. Social media platforms shall implement robust age-verification systems to prevent users under the age of 16 from creating accounts or accessing their services.
- C. Platforms found in violation of this Act will face penalties, including: 1. Fines of up to \$10,000 per violation. 2. Additional penalties as determined by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

**SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby declared null and void.

**Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pace High School.**