



2025 Athens UIL Invitational Congress Docket

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A Bill to Close Guantánamo Bay

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Guantánamo Bay Detention Camp and Naval Base shall be permanently
3 closed. The territory will be returned to the Republic of Cuba as
4 recognized in Article III of the 1934 Treaty of Relations.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Guantanamo Bay Naval Base” refers to the United States military base
6 on approximately 45 square miles in southeastern end of Cuba.
7 “Close” is defined as the formal process of discontinuing operations and
8 removal of personnel, equipment, detainees, and prisoners.

9 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and
10 Department of State shall oversee this bill.

11 A. Detainees may be transferred to the US and subject to military trials
12 in accordance with existing law or deported as determined by
13 government officials.

14 B. Transfers will be carefully conducted to ensure national security
15 protocols are met.

16 **SECTION 4.** The base shall be fully closed within 18 months of the passage of this
17 legislation.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Shelbyville High School.

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A Bill to Protect Productive Farmland

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** To protect productive farmland, underdeveloped areas, and water
3 resources, while preserving private property rights, any entity acquiring
4 more than 500 acres for industrial scale development shall dedicate 20%
5 of the total acreage to conservation easements.

6 **SECTION 2.** Industrial scale development refers to acquisition of acreage for
7 commercial energy, or residential use. Conservation easement refers to
8 permanently protected land, approved by the Department of the Interior
9 (DOI), suitable for habitat, agriculture or water recharge. Conservation
10 measures include use of non-potable or reclaimed water, construction of
11 recharge ponds/lakes and other EPA approved measures. Land
12 Stewardship Trust (LST) refers to a federal fund jointly administered by
13 DOI and USDA.

14 **SECTION 3.** The DOI shall oversee easements. The EPA shall monitor water and
15 environmental compliance. The LST shall manage the proceeds from
16 leases, fees or project cost shares. Violation of the statute shall result in
17 fines up to 20% of project cost subject to appeal. Eminent domain for
18 water projects shall be instituted if conservation alternatives are
19 determined to be insufficient.

20 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sulphur Springs High School

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A Resolution to Provide Free School Breakfast & Lunch in all Public Schools

1 **WHEREAS,** According to the Education Data Initiative, more than 30 million students
2 in the U.S. can't afford their school meals and, on average, they carry
3 \$181 per student in lunch debt annually; and

4 **WHEREAS,** One in five children in the U.S. is food insecure, which can threaten a
5 child's health and well-being and educational opportunities; and

6 **WHEREAS,** Experts say poor nutrition can undermine children's school readiness,
7 which can be a predictor of academic success in the future; and

8 **WHEREAS,** Studies have shown that children who experience food insecurity in their
9 first years lack the same opportunities to be successful in school as
10 children who were not food insecure; and

11 **WHEREAS,** On average, students who eat school breakfast have been shown to
12 achieve higher scores on standardized math tests and attend more days
13 of school per year; now, therefore be it

14 **RSOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled provide free school breakfast and
15 lunch for all students in all public schools.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Sabine High School.

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A Bill to Allow Citizens to Sell Non-Vital Organs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Citizens will be allowed to sell their non-vital organs for profit if
3 approved by a licensed medical professional and the removal of these
4 organs are facilitated by a licensed medical professional and
5 conducted at an approved hospital facility. Organs will only be sold to
6 patients with a proven medical need. The patient receiving the organ
7 shall pay an amount agreed to between he/she and the “donor”
8 patient. The receiving patient will also be responsible for incurring all
9 medial fees involved in the harvesting of said organ.

10 **SECTION 2.** Non-vital organs are organs that are not needed for a human being to
11 survive, this includes but is not limited to portions of the liver,
12 kidneys, blood, plasma, bone marrow, umbilical cord, etc. “Proven
13 medical need” will be a form completed by a licensed medical
14 professional stating the immediate need of an organ for a patient is
15 required in an effort to sustain their viable health.

16 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will monitor and
17 facilitate transactions.

18 **SECTION 4.** The bill will be implemented on January 18, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Dr. Ralph H Poteer High School.

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A Bill to Reform the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) shall be
3 replaced with the Immigration Integration and Community Support
4 Agency (IICSA) to enforce border security and integration services.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Integration Services” shall be defined as programs and resources
6 designed to assist immigrants in adapting to life in the United States,
7 including language classes, job training, and cultural orientation.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shall oversee the bill’s
9 enforcement, establishing the IICSA within 180 days of passage.

10 A. The IICSA shall focus on providing integration services, community
11 outreach, and humanitarian assistance to immigrants, rather than
12 prioritizing deportations.

13 B. The IICSA shall work in conjunction with local law enforcement
14 agencies to address immigration-related crimes, focusing on human
15 trafficking and smuggling operations.

16 C. The DHS shall reallocate funds previously designated for ICE to the
17 IICSA, with at least 60% of the budget dedicated to integration
18 services and community support programs.

19 D. The IICSA shall develop and implement a case-by-case review process
20 for undocumented immigrants currently in the United States,
21 prioritizing family reunification and community ties over deportation.

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Trinidad High School.

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A Bill to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The federal minimum wage will be raised to ensure fair compensation for all
3 workers.

4 **SECTION 2.** The federal minimum wage will be raised from \$7.25 to \$17.65, phased in
5 over a period of three years.

6 **SECTION 3.** The bill will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Wage and
7 Hour division.

8 A. After three years the minimum wage shall be increased periodically every
9 two years based on the Consumer Price Index to keep up with inflation.

10 B The amount will be \$3.47 in the first year, \$3.47 in the second, and \$3.46 in
11 the third year.

12 **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect on January 31, 2026, with incremental increases
13 beginning six months after enactment.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Terrell High School.

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A Bill to Increase the Effectiveness of Obtaining Citizenship for Entrants; The E.A.R.N. Act: Empowering Accessible Residency and Naturalization Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will strengthen the pathway to citizenship for individuals entering
3 the United States who are committed to legally pursuing naturalization by
4 addressing key obstacles, including application fees, employer verification,
5 and access to immigration attorneys. By reducing these barriers, the United
6 States assures entrants a fair and accessible path to citizenship.

7 **SECTION 2.** Citizenship - the position or status of being a citizen of a particular country
8 (Oxford Languages).

9 Empowering - granting power or authority (Oxford Languages).

10 Effectiveness - successfully achieving a desired result (Oxford Languages).

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) would oversee
12 implementation and expansion of existing programs, such as E-Verify, to
13 simplify, streamline, and reduce the cost of the citizenship application
14 process and employer verification. DHS will also ensure that immigration
15 benefits are not granted to any individual with credible evidence of posing a
16 threat to the security of the United States.

17 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be enacted January 31, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Ennis High School.

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A Resolution to Prevent Saltwater Intrusion and Protect Coastal Aquifers

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Rising sea levels, increased groundwater pumping, and extreme
2 weather events are contributing to saltwater intrusion into coastal
3 aquifers across the United States; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Saltwater intrusion renders underground freshwater sources
5 undrinkable, threatening the water security of millions of Americans,
6 especially in low-income and rural coastal communities that rely
7 heavily on wells and small public water systems; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Poor coastal communities often lack the financial and technical
9 resources to monitor aquifer salinity, upgrade water infrastructure, or
10 secure alternative sources of clean water; and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** Failure to act risks the widespread displacement, public health crises,
12 and irreversible damage to freshwater reserves; now, therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the student congress here assembled urges the United States
14 federal government to immediately establish a national initiative to
15 protect at-risk coastal aquifers from saltwater intrusion; and, be it
- 16 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this initiative prioritizes safeguarding the water
17 security of low-income coastal communities through monitoring,
18 infrastructure upgrades, and sustainable groundwater management.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Corsicana High School.

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A Bill to Halt Gene Editing and Modifications

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. federal government will establish a ten-year moratorium on
3 federal funding and research for cosmetic applications of CRISPR and
4 germline editing and direct all such federal resources exclusively towards
5 medical purposes.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. CRISPR is defined as “clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic
7 repeats,” a form of gene-editing technology allowing for the precise
8 modification of DNA sequences within living organisms.

9 B. Germline editing is defined as the modification of human reproductive
10 cells and/or early embryos, resulting in changes to the genome that are
11 heritable by future generations.

12 C. Cosmetic purposes is defined as any means of application of CRISPR or
13 germline editing intended to enhance human traits or characteristics that
14 are not directly related to preventing, diagnosing, treating or curing
15 medical conditions.

16 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the Department of Health and Human
17 Services.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect 90 days after its passage and have its continuity
19 until its expiration 10 years after implementation.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lindale High School.

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A Bill to Fund Grant Programs for Nursing Students

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. is facing a healthcare crisis, with a shortage of over 190,000 nurses.

3 Thus, the federal government should create a grant program that lessens the
4 burden of costs associated with enrolling in nursing programs.

5 **SECTION 2.** Anyone seeking to enroll in a nursing program shall be able to apply for the
6 grant, which can grant up to \$50,000 per year for up to 6 years, aimed at
7 covering costs associated with schooling for any nursing field.

8 **A.** To qualify for these grants, individuals must:

9 I. Attend a public or private university located in the United States.

10 II. Be currently enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester.

11 **B.** Individuals who have already earned their nursing degree and are still members
12 of the healthcare workforce can apply for compensation of costs up to \$200,000.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the
14 Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will work together to
15 oversee implementation and enforcement.

16 **A.** There will be an additional \$500 million per year allocated for 8 years to
17 fund this bill.

18 **B.** Once the 8-year period elapses, the HRSA and the DHHS will conduct a
19 reevaluation and adjust funding based on need.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Caddo Mills High School.

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