

2025 TCFL Winter Congress Legislation

Round One

A Bill to Phase Out Gang Databases

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Gang databases shall be phased out of use by law enforcement
- 2 agencies.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** “Gang database” shall be defined as an intelligence system that
- 4 stores information about known or suspected gang members.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen by the Department of Justice.
- 6 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect immediately upon passage.
- 7 **SECTION 5.** All legislation in conflict will be considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by William S. Hart High School

The Next Stop America Act of 2025

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall establish the Next Stop America
2 Program to fund the construction, modernization, and expansion
3 of metro rail and light rail systems in U.S. metropolitan areas to
4 reduce congestion, cut carbon emissions, and enhance public
5 transit accessibility.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. "Metro rail" shall refer to a fixed-route public transportation
7 system operating on rail infrastructure.

8 B. "Metropolitan areas" shall refer to metropolitan statistical
9 areas (MSAs) with a population greater than 500,000, as
10 determined by the most recent U.S. Census Bureau data.

11 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Transportation (DOT), in coordination with
12 the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), shall oversee and
13 administer this program.

14 B. A grant fund of \$100 billion will be generated through an
15 increase in the gasoline tax to 30 cents per gallon. Cities must
16 submit metro development proposals by FY 2027 to be eligible for
17 grants. Grant recipients must match 30% of federal funds with
18 local or state funding.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in
20 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Round Two

A Bill to Provide Milk Choice in Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All public schools in the United States and its territories shall
- 2 henceforth provide raw milk as an option for students during
- 3 breakfast and lunch.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, raw milk shall be defined as
- 5 the unpasteurized milk of a cow.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** Schools may determine based on demand precisely how much raw
- 7 milk to provide at each meal, but it must be a reliable option for
- 8 children and families who desire it.
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of
- 10 Education and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- 11 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 12 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null
- 13 and void.

A Bill to Eliminate Federal Funding for School Resource Officers (SROs)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. To subdue a growing culture of police intimidation in public schools and prevent excessive law enforcement contact in childhood, the United States Congress shall:

A. Prohibit the use of any forms of federal funding used for the hiring, maintaining, or training of School Resource Officers, including, but not limited to, public safety grants, community policing grants, student support grants, and federal hiring program grants.

B. Direct federal agencies to reallocate SRO-related grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) to replace School Resource Officers with mental health and trauma-informed services to provide a safe and supportive school environment.

SECTION 2. **A.** The term “School Resource Officer” or “SRO” shall be defined pursuant to 34 U.S. Code § 10839 as a state, tribal, or local law enforcement officer with a sworn authority that is assigned by an employing law enforcement officer to enforce laws in schools and other property owned by school districts.

B. The terms “mental health” and “trauma-informed services” shall be defined as services provided by licensed mental health professionals, including, but not limited to, counseling, trauma recovery services, and crisis intervention.

SECTION 3. **A.** The Department of Education (DOE), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the Department of Justice (DOJ) shall be responsible for the enforcement and implementation of this legislation.

B. The DOE shall be responsible for distributing federal grants for mental health and trauma-informed services to LEAs and monitoring LEAs to ensure funds are used only for appropriate use cases in accordance with the legislation.

C. The HHS shall be responsible for guiding the implementation of appropriate mental health services and providing technical assistance to schools in establishing such programs.

D. The DOJ shall be responsible for overseeing the disbanding of all grant programs associated with funding SROs that are run by the federal government. Further, the DOJ shall investigate violations and impose civil penalties to ensure compliance with the ban.

E. Under the circumstances that the DOE were to be incapacitated to perform its outlined duties, DOE’s responsibilities shall be awarded to the HHS.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st of Fiscal Year 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Round Three

A Bill to Eliminate Cash Bail in the United States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1. This Congress shall establish a grant program to provide financial
2 and technical assistance to states that enact legislation to
3 eliminate cash bail and implement risk-based pretrial release
4 systems.

5 SECTION 2. The federal grant program shall prioritize states that implement a
6 range of non-monetary pretrial release options, including but not
7 limited to supervised release, electronic monitoring, check-in
8 requirements, and community-based support services. Cash bails
9 are a monetary deposit required by the Court to secure the
10 temporary release of someone who has been arrested and charged
11 with a criminal offense.

12 SECTION 3. The Department of Justice, in consultation with district courts,
13 shall develop national standards and best practices for the
14 development and implementation of validated, objective risk
15 assessment tools to determine an individual's risk of flight or
16 danger to the community. These standards shall emphasize
17 fairness, accuracy, and the avoidance of discriminatory outcomes.
18 A. The Department of Justice shall provide training and technical
19 assistance to state and local jurisdictions on the implementation
20 of risk assessment tools, the utilization of non-monetary release
21 options, and the development of effective pretrial services.
22 B. States that completely eliminate cash bail and adopt risk-based
23 pretrial release systems meeting the national standards
24 established under this resolution shall be eligible for enhanced
25 federal funding within the Department of Justice's criminal justice
26 assistance programs.

27 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on June 19, 2025. All laws in
28 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Invest in Meteorite Prevention

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense is hereby directed to utilize their
2 resources to make meteorite prevention a priority. Congress shall
3 expect within five years a comprehensive report from the
4 Department of Defense detailing a variety of protocols they have
5 made ready to engage against approaching meteorites of all shapes
6 and sizes.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** Congress encourages the Department of Defense to spearhead and
8 engage consistently in international collaboration in pursuit of these
9 goals.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Defense.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect immediately upon passage.
- 12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
13 void.