

Bill to Grant Washington DC statehood

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1.

- a. The Region of Washington DC owned and used by the United States Federal Government will continue to exist without representation as it has.
- b. The remainder of current day Washington DC will exist as the 51st state of America, receiving adequate representation for a state of its size.

Section 2.

- a. GSA= General Services Administration
- b. DOJ= Department of Justice
- c. OMB= Office of Management and Budget
- d. FEC= Federal Election Commission

Section 3. This will be carried out by the GSA, DOJ, OMB, and FEC

Section 4. The funds required to carry out the provisions of this Act will be appropriated by Congress from the general fund of the United States Treasury, including potential redistribution of current District of Columbia funding.

Section 5. This bill will be enforced in September of 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Submitted by:

Helena Tambakakis, Appomattox Regional Governor's School

**A Bill to Limit and Prevent the act of Congressional Redistricting Outside of the Census
Year**

*Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress
here assembled that:*

Article I: State legislation, commissions, or other lawful bodies, shall no longer be authorized to draw, enact, or adopt congressional districts with the intent of enhancing their own or denouncing opposing political parties. Any further redistricting shall take place only within the defined decennial census and no mid-decade redistricting will be permitted outside court orders.

Article II: “Commissions and authorized bodies” shall be defined as any individual or group that has the power and ability to alter and establish new congressional districts across all fifty states. “Court orders” refer to changes made if any newly established congressional districts violate federal law such as the Voting Rights Act of 1965 or The Constitution such as the 5th and 14th Amendments.

Article III: This bill shall be implemented on January 1st, 2026 to prevent any further mid-decade redistricting from occurring.

Article IV: The Department of Justice (DOJ) will adjudicate the process of calculating the population and the equal distribution of individuals per district, taking into consideration the average political census of each district from the last presidential election.

Article V: Any and all laws that are in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Stroop,
Maggie L. Walker Governor School for Government and International Studies

A Bill to reduce the conflict between Cambodia and Thailand

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

Article I: The US will propose a deal with Cambodia and Thailand to negotiate peacefully with a special envoy from ASEAN. If the deal is not accepted the US will cut foreign aid that is not essential aid.

Article II: 1.) Essential aid : Essential aid is any aid that is beneficial to the health of civilians.

2.) ASEAN : Association of Southeast Asian Nations. A regional inter-governmental association founded in 1967.

3.) Deal : The deal proposed is that Cambodia and Thailand will find a way to exist peacefully with the disputed territory or foreign aid will be cut.

Article III: This bill should be put into action by September 1st, 2026. Allowing both countries ample time to prepare for a peaceful negotiation.

Article IV: The US Department of State will oversee the enforcement of this bill they will enforce it by stating that if Cambodia and Thailand do not comply with the arrangement essential aid funds will be cut.

Article V: All laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Alison 'Ella' Hayes
Appomattox Regional Governors School

A Bill to Increase the Accessibility of SNAP

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

- Article 1:** The minimum work requirement to receive SNAP benefits will be increased from 30 hours per week to 35 hours per week.
- Article 2:** All legal non-citizens who would otherwise be ineligible for SNAP but do meet the work requirement will become eligible to receive SNAP benefits immediately.
- Article 3:** The USDA will implement this change.
- Article 4:** All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Ceden0, Deep Run High School

A Bill to Admit Washington D.C. as the 51st State to Ensure Equal Representation

Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress here assembled that:

Article I: The District of Columbia shall be admitted into the Union as the 51st state to be known as the State of Washington District of Columbia, granting its residents full voting representation in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate.

Article II: A) “The District of Columbia” shall refer to the current federal district excluding the federal enclave containing the White House, U.S. Capitol, Supreme Court, all Federal Courts, and all other Federal buildings and properties including the National Mall which shall remain under Federal jurisdiction.

B) “Washington District of Columbia” shall refer to the residential and commercial areas of the current District of Columbia that will comprise the new state.

Article III: This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2029, allowing sufficient time for congressional approval, presidential signing, and the organization of a state government and electoral system.

Article IV:

A) The Department of the Interior shall oversee the transition of governance and coordinate with the Washington District of Columbia government to establish the state constitution and electoral framework.

B) The Federal Election Commission shall manage the transition of voting districts and representation in Congress during the implementation period.

Article V: All laws or provisions in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Towler,
Atlee High School

A Bill to Require Judicial Review of Redistricting Plans to Prevent Gerrymandering

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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ARTICLE 1. All congressional and state legislative redistricting plans shall

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be subject to judicial review and approval before being enacted into law

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ensure compliance with constitutional and statutory protections

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gerrymandering.

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ARTICLE 2. A. *Judicial review* shall mean examination by a nonpartisan 6
panel of federal judges to determine whether proposed district maps

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B. *Partisan bias* shall be measured using recognized standards
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C. *The redistricting plan* shall include all district maps for federal and state legislative offices.

ARTICLE 3. The U.S. District Courts shall oversee the review process, using a three-judge panel in each state to evaluate proposed plans.

A. If a plan is found to violate fair-map standards, the legislature shall have 30 days to submit a revised plan.

B. If the legislature fails to comply, the reviewing court shall appoint an independent, nonpartisan expert to draw a compliant map.

ARTICLE 4. This legislation will take effect in Fiscal Year 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY Rep. Campbell Nabors,

APPOMATTOX REGIONAL GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL

A Bill to Redirect Funding From The Golden Dome

Article I: The federal government should take the 25 million invested in the Golden Dome and evenly distribute the money to the program outlined in Article II.

Article II: “Golden Dome” is defined as The Ground and Orbital Launched Defeat of Emergent Nuclear Destruction and Other Missile Engagements. The golden dome is a theoretical layered missile defense system proposed by President Trump.

“The Program” refers to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program(SNAP).

Article III: This Legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.

Article IV: Congress along with the Department of Agriculture(USDA) will work together to insure 25 million goes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Labeling any money invested into the Golden Dome as a grant after the bill is passed gives permission to the USDA to make sure any money intended for the Golden Dome goes to the SNAP Program as an enforceable regulation.

The House and Senate Armed Services Committees oversee the project’s funding and would need to approve the transfer of money to effectively terminate it.

Article V: The Ground and Orbital Launched Defeat of Emergent Nuclear Destruction and Other Missile Engagements (GOLDEN DOME) Act shall hereby be declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rep. Mcruffin, Monacan High School

**A Bill to Lower Funding for Water Quality Standards to Provide Funds
for Medicaid.**

*Be it enacted by this Richmond Forum Speech and Debate League Student Congress
here assembled that:*

Article I: This new policy would redirect 25% of the unspent federal funds allocated to EPA
water quality standard enforcement to Medicaid.

Article II: EPA stands for Environmental Protection Agency and is in charge of human
health. Unspent federal funds are the planned funds for the next year's budget, for example
if water quality standards are given 10 million dollars for the next year then Medicaid
would receive 25% of those funds.

Article III: This Act shall go into effect March 1 2026.

Article IV: The Office of Management and Budget would oversee the inter-agency fund
transfer and the U.S. Department of Treasury would oversee the electronic transfer of funds.

Article V: All other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null
and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Kiser
Atlee High School

A Bill to Provide Humanitarian Aid to the Cambodia-Thailand Border Region

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS RICHMOND FORUM SPEECH AND DEBATE LEAGUE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

ARTICLE I. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL ASSIST THE CAMBODIA-THAILAND BORDER CRISIS BY PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID FOR THE CIVILIANS OF EACH RESPECTED COUNTRY WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THE ONGOING BORDER TENSIONS BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND AND THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA. THIS LEGISLATION PRIMARILY AIMS TO PROMOTE THE HUMAN WELFARE OF THE PERSONS DISPLACED BY THE ONGOING CRISIS DUE TO THE CONFLICT STATED.

ARTICLE II. *HUMANITARIAN AID* SHALL REFER TO NON-MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDING FOOD, MEDICAL SUPPORT, HOUSING, ETC. *BORDER REGION* IS DEFINED AS THE AREA WITHIN THE CAMBODIA-THAI BORDER, INCLUDING PREAH VIHEAR PROVINCE AND THE SISAKET PROVINCE. *DISPLACED PERSONS* REFERS TO AS INDIVIDUALS FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES DUE TO CONFLICT OR INSTABILITY CAUSED BY THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

ARTICLE III. THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SHALL ALLOCATE FUNDS IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THIS CONFLICT. FUNDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH PROGRAMS LIKE THE RED CROSS TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY.

ARTICLE IV. THIS LEGISLATION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE.

ARTICLE V. ALL LAWS IN CONFLICT WITH THIS LEGISLATION ARE HEREBY DECLARED NULL AND VOID. *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Atula Kudithipudi from Midlothian High School.*