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A Bill to Restrict Pharmaceutical Advertising to Protect Public Health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs shall be subject to the
2 following restrictions:

3 A. No pharmaceutical advertisements may air on broadcast or cable television
4 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM local time.

5 B. No pharmaceutical advertisements may appear in broadcast media content (not
6 inclusive of social media) primarily directed toward individuals under the age of 18,
7 as determined by the TV Rating System.

8 C. Pharmaceutical advertisements shall not include emotionally manipulative
9 imagery, high-distraction imagery, testimonials from actors portraying patients, or
10 depictions of miraculous recovery within the commercial content.

11 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in consultation with the Food
12 and Drug Administration (FDA), shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this act.

13 **SECTION 3.**

14 A. Broadcast media entities or pharmaceutical companies found in violation of this
15 act shall be subject to civil penalties not to exceed \$500,000 per infraction.

16 B. The FCC shall be authorized to issue further guidelines necessary to enforce this
17 act in a manner consistent with First Amendment protections.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect January 1, 2027.

Introduced by La Salle College High School

3

A Resolution to Back Indian-Led Efforts Against Terrorist Networks in Pakistan

1 **WHEREAS**, Pakistan continues to harbor terrorist organizations, including groups
2 responsible for cross-border attacks against civilians and security forces in India; and

3 **WHEREAS**, these organizations destabilize South Asia, endanger international security, and
4 undermine Indian counterterrorism objectives in the region; and

5 **WHEREAS**, past U.S. aid and counterterrorism cooperation with Pakistan have failed to
6 eliminate extremist networks, raising questions about the effectiveness of current policy; and

7 **WHEREAS**, India, as a regional power and democratic partner, has both the incentive and
8 capacity to lead a cooperative anti-terrorism mission with U.S. support; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled recommends that the United States formally
10 support India in leading a cooperative mission targeting terrorist groups operating within
11 Pakistan, through intelligence-sharing and diplomatic backing until Pakistan demonstrates
12 verifiable action against terrorist organizations within its borders.

Introduced by Council Rock North High School

4

A Bill to Invest into AI for Military Use

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall invest \$15 billion into the research and integration of
- 2 fully autonomous artificial intelligence for military use.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Artificial intelligence is defined as the application of computer systems able to
- 4 perform tasks or produce output normally requiring human intelligence, especially by
- 5 applying machine learning techniques to large collections of data.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
- 7 The funding will be directed toward the development of artificial intelligence capabilities.
- 8 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
- 9 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Pennsbury High School

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A Bill to Ban Generative AI for Individuals Under the Age of 18

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Individuals under 18 within the United States are prohibited from creating, using, or accessing generative artificial intelligence (AI) platforms except for:

A. Educational purposes explicitly verified by a school or accredited educational institution; and

B. Verified health-related needs as determined by a licensed healthcare provider.

Generative AI platforms shall implement robust age-verification systems to prevent users under 18 from creating accounts or accessing their services.

SECTION 2. Generative AI includes, but is not limited to:

A. Large Language Models (LLMs) such as chatbots capable of producing human-like conversation or written material;

B. Image, video, and audio generation platforms that create synthetic or manipulated media;

C. Code-generation or data-generation tools that autonomously produce original outputs.

This definition does not apply to narrow AI systems used solely for functions such as search engines, calculators, or recommendation algorithms.

SECTION 3. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall oversee the implementation of this legislation, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall assist in enforcement.

Platforms found in violation will face penalties, including fines of up to \$10,000 per violation.

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

Introduced by Strath Haven High School

6

A Resolution to Fund Humanitarian Aid to Provide Direct Relief to the Citizens of Gaza

1 **WHEREAS**, the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza has left civilians without adequate access
2 to food, clean water, shelter, and medical care; and

3 **WHEREAS**, international organizations have consistently documented the urgent need for
4 increased humanitarian assistance to protect innocent lives; and

5 **WHEREAS**, instability in the region threatens broader international peace and security if left
6 unaddressed; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the United States has a moral obligation and a longstanding history of providing
8 humanitarian relief in times of crisis; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the United States federal government allocate \$1.5 billion in humanitarian
10 aid to be administered through reputable international organizations and non-governmental
11 agencies, including but not limited to Doctors Without Borders, UNICEF, and UNRWA, to
12 provide direct relief to civilians in Gaza; and, be it further

13 **RESOLVED**, That such aid shall be directed exclusively toward humanitarian purposes,
14 including but not limited to food, medical supplies, clean water, and shelter, and shall not be
15 used to support military or militant operations.

Introduced by Holy Ghost Prep

7

A Bill to Require Employer-Provided Health Insurance for Employees Working 20 or More Hours

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **Section 1.** All employers shall provide employees working 20 or more weekly hours with
- 2 affordable health insurance.
- 3 **Section 2.** “Affordable” health insurance coverage is defined by existing laws as coverage that
- 4 does not cost the employee more than 9.02% of an employee’s household income.
- 5 **Section 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor and the IRS will oversee compliance by employers
- 6 to ensure affordable healthcare is offered to eligible employees. Further subsidization and
- 7 employer cost assistance is currently available under the Affordable Care Act.
- 8 **Section 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
- 9 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Truman High School

The Allocating of Individual Money to Schools (A.I.M.S.) Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Families with school-aged children shall be permitted to direct the portion of
2 their property tax payments allocated to public education toward a qualified public, charter,
3 private, or parochial school of their choosing.

4 **SECTION 2.** A 'qualified school' shall mean any K-12 educational institution:

5 A. Located within the taxpayer's state of residence.

6 B. Accredited and compliant with applicable state education standards.

7 C. Not found in violation of federal laws.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education (DOE) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), in
9 coordination with local property tax authorities, shall develop a system to:

10 A. Track individual taxpayer designations for education funding.

11 B. Transfer those funds directly to the designated school on an annual basis.

12 C. Ensure public reporting and financial transparency in the use of redirected tax
13 dollars.

14 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall not affect federal education funding not explicitly allocated for K-
15 12 education. Families who do not file a designation will have their tax revenue default to
16 their assigned public school district.

17 **SECTION 5.** This bill shall take effect at the beginning of the first full school fiscal year
18 following its passage.

Introduced by La Salle College High School

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The American Worker Automation Compensation Act (AWACA)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Displaced workers will be compensated by the company for 30% of their lost
2 wages for the next year to allow them to transition to another job.

3 **SECTION 2.** Displaced workers shall be defined as any worker whose job was lost to
4 automation.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee and implement this policy.

6 A. This applies only to companies with 50 or more workers.

7 B. Any company that does not comply will be taxed an additional 20% per fiscal year
8 until it complies.

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

Introduced by Strath Haven High School

10

A Resolution to Recognize Climate Refugees Under U.S. Immigration Law

- 1 **WHEREAS**, rising sea levels, extreme weather, and drought caused by climate change are
- 2 displacing millions of people worldwide; and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, current U.S. immigration law does not recognize 'climate refugees' as a protected
- 4 category; and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the United States has both a moral obligation and strategic interest in addressing
- 6 climate migration; now, therefore, be it
- 7 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled recommends that the United States legally
- 8 recognize climate refugees as a distinct protected group eligible for asylum.

Introduced by Council Rock North High School

A Bill to Establish a Federal Data Privacy Framework

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall establish a comprehensive federal data privacy law to
2 protect individuals from misuse of personal information by corporations and government
3 entities.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Personal data” shall be defined as any information that can identify an
5 individual, including but not limited to location, biometric data, browsing history, financial
6 information, or online identifiers.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shall oversee enforcement and issue fines
8 for violations up to \$50,000 per affected consumer.

9 **SECTION 4.** Companies collecting personal data must obtain explicit, informed consent from
10 users. Consumers shall have the right to request deletion, correction, or transfer of their
11 personal data. The sale of personal data to third parties without consent shall be prohibited.

12 **SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect January 1, 2027. Any laws conflicting with this Act are
13 hereby null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Council Rock North High School.

Final Round 1 - A Bill to Ensure Fair and Effective Immigration

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall invest \$60 billion into modernizing the current
2 immigration processing system.

3 **SECTION 2.** 'Asylum' shall be defined as a form of legal and humanitarian protection given to
4 people inside the United States who have fled their home country and fear persecution or
5 torture due to their race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or
6 political opinion.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and U.S. Immigration and
8 Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall oversee this legislation jointly.

9 A. \$50 billion shall be allocated into the training and hiring of immigration judges and
10 staff so that asylum applications can be decided more quickly.

11 B. \$10 billion shall be allocated to ICE for the training and hiring of staff to ensure the
12 safety of immigrants and U.S. citizens during the asylum application process, as well
13 as to guarantee enforcement of U.S. laws.

14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2026.

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

Introduced by Pennsbury High School

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Final Round 2 - A Bill to Implement Blind Recruiting to Combat Hiring Bias

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will comprehensively reform its employment process through
2 the following:

3 A. Federal agencies and private employers holding government contracts exceeding
4 \$1 million annually are required to implement blind recruiting in initial candidate
5 screening, removing identifying information to promote fair evaluation based on
6 skills.

7 B. Publicly traded companies not holding such federal contracts are encouraged to
8 adopt blind recruiting voluntarily.

9 C. Employers subject to the mandate shall submit annual anonymized reports on
10 applicants, interviews, and hires by demographic categories.

11 **SECTION 2.** “Blind recruiting” is defined as redacting details including but not limited to
12 names, gender, age, race, address, and education from resumes and applications during early
13 review. “Participating employers” shall be defined as any employer complying with or
14 voluntarily adopting blind recruiting as defined. “Personally identifying information”
15 includes any detail revealing identity or protected characteristics.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor (DoL) shall oversee implementation and provide
17 guidance

18 A. The DoL shall publish aggregated data for transparency and improvement.

19 B. The DoL will develop training and resources for effective implementation.

20 C. A federal task force will advise on best practices and technology support.

21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation takes effect January 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
22 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Council Rock North High School.