

2025 HCK Legislation

Thank you for attending the HCK Invitational. Schools were asked to submit legislation for competition. We received seven pieces of legislation from four schools. Those are at the top of the docket in random order. Please debate those pieces of legislation before moving on to the other four in the list. An author or sponsor from the school listed on the legislation shall speak first on those bills or resolutions that were submitted. The docket has been supplemented by legislation from various dockets by the NSDA. Any debater may be called on as the first affirmative speaker for the supplemental legislation, following recency. Please encourage participation from all students in the room for both speeches and questions.

Good luck to everyone.

A Bill to Improve Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will assist all public K-12 schools by
2 offering increased financial support to those in need.

3 **SECTION 2.** Public school districts with documented students that score below the
4 state's proficiency mandates will be offered aid to improve academic
5 performance.

6 **SECTION 3.** Scoring will be calculated through the mean average of state required
7 testing.

8 **SECTION 4.** Aid eligibility will reset annually after a state-wide test is conducted. Aid
9 shall include, but is not limited to: extra teachers, tutors, online learning
10 programs, grading websites, and physical supplies by request.

11 **SECTION 5.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this bill.

12 A. \$10,000,000,000 will be set aside for this bill from the general fund, to
13 be utilized once the Department of Education requirements are met for
14 said funding.

15 B. The Department of Education will create a tool only accessed by school
16 districts to request aid and ensure all government accountability policies
17 are followed for the distribution of said funds.

18 **SECTION 6.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
19 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bettendorf High School.

A Bill to Ban the Sale of Energy Drinks to Individuals 20 Years of Age and Younger

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The sale of energy drinks to individuals 20 years of age and younger shall
2 be illegal.

3 **SECTION 2.** Energy drinks are defined as a beverage with a blend of caffeine, taurine,
4 glucuronolactone, guarana, L-carnitine, and added sugars. The Food and
5 Drug Administration (FDA) shall create new regulations to update the
6 definition of an energy drink.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Service shall enforce the act.

8 **SECTION 4.** Sellers in violation of this act shall be fined \$2,000 for the first violation,
9 \$10,000 for the second violation, and \$20,000 per additional violation.

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
11 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Establish a Peace Framework in Ukraine to Achieve Sovereignty and Regional Stability

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall support a United Nations–supervised peace
2 framework in Ukraine in which the Russian Federation recognizes Ukraine’s
3 sovereignty, Ukraine adopts permanent neutrality, and both nations engage
4 in a UN-overseen security and economic cooperation agreement.

5 **SECTION 2.** “**Permanent neutrality**” shall mean Ukraine refrains from entering military
6 alliances directed against the Russian Federation.

7 “**Sovereignty**” shall mean Ukraine’s full independence, territorial integrity,
8 and internationally recognized borders.

9 “**United Nations oversight**” shall refer to a UN mission responsible for
10 monitoring compliance and facilitating implementation.

11 **SECTION 3.** The United Nations shall supervise and enforce the peace framework.

12 A. The United Nations shall administer a \$500 billion reconstruction and
13 humanitarian fund for Ukraine and Russia.

14 B. The United States shall provide diplomatic and logistical assistance
15 within existing appropriations.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this
17 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hempstead High School.

A Bill to Supply Military Aid To The Philippines

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide military aid and training to the Philippines
2 for the purpose of enhancing defense capabilities.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** Military aid shall include: 6 Boeing P-8 Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft, 2
4 MIM-104 Patriot Surface to Air Batteries, and 4 Independence-class littoral
5 combat ships as well as 20 F-35As. Training will be defined as training by
6 the 1st Marine Raider Battalion of 800 Marines or any other government
7 operation sent by the agency in charge.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the enforcement of this
9 legislation.
- 10 A. The 6 Boeing P-8 Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and 4
11 Independence-class littoral combat ships will all come from the current
12 US military reserve.
- 13 B. An amount of 15 billion dollars will be granted to cover the cost of Air
14 Batteries and Training.
- 15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 12th, 2026. All laws in conflict with
16 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dowling Catholic High School.

A Bill to have BMX Racing recognized by the IHSAA

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Bicycle Motocross Racing, otherwise known as BMX Racing, shall hereby be
2 recognized as a school sanctioned sport in the state of Iowa by the Iowa
3 High School Athletic Association (IHSAA).

4 **SECTION 2.** BMX Racing shall be defined as the sport founded and sanctioned by USA
5 BMX, involving bikes with pedals on dirt tracks.

6 **SECTION 3.** School sanctioned BMX Racing shall follow all rules used by USA BMX
7 except for the following:

8 A. Racing groups shall be categorized by Junior Varsity (JV) and Varsity (V),
9 Varsity being the better of the two groups.

10 B. Usage of clipless pedals shall be coaches discretion, only permitted for
11 Varsity competitors.

12 **SECTION 4.** Any student who does not own a BMX racing specific bike will be provided
13 one via the school.

14 **SECTION 5.** All USA BMX safety rules and regulations still apply, including but not
15 limited to helmets and clothing.

16 **SECTION 6.** \$100,000,000 shall be allocated to this legislation for initial construction
17 and resources, and an additional \$10,000,000 a year shall be allocated
18 annually for upkeep and general expenses.

19 **SECTION 7.** This legislation shall go into effect in FY 2028. All laws in conflict with this
20 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bettendorf High School.

A Bill to Establish a Carbon Dividend and Innovation Tax to Combat Climate Change

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A. A federal carbon tax of \$80 per metric ton shall be levied on all corporations
2 emitting more than 25 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) per year.
3 B. Fifty percent (50%) of all revenue collected shall be returned directly to
4 U.S. citizens under the age of 25 as an annual “Climate Dividend.”
5 C. The remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be allocated to the Department of
6 Energy (DOE) for grants supporting renewable energy innovation, carbon
7 capture technologies, and electric grid modernization.
- 8 **SECTION 2.** A. A “carbon tax” shall be defined as a fee imposed on the carbon content of fossil
9 fuels or industrial emissions.
10 B. “Corporation” shall be defined as any legal entity generating revenue
11 exceeding \$5 million annually within the United States.
12 C. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall track emissions data,
13 and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall collect the tax.
- 14 **SECTION 3.** A. Corporations that reduce emissions by more than 30% within five years shall
15 qualify for a Carbon Innovation Credit, reducing their effective tax rate by up to
16 25%.
17 B. Companies found falsifying emissions reports shall be fined triple the avoided
18 tax amount and may face criminal investigation
- 19 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Energy shall publish an annual “National Climate
20 Accountability Report” detailing:
21 1. Total tax revenue collected;
22 2. Total dividends distributed;
23 3. Measurable reductions in national CO₂ emissions.
- 24 **SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect beginning January 1, 2026.
- 25 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Hempstead High School.

Liberty Wallet Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** A national wallet will be created in the United States with access to every
2 U.S. citizen.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** National Wallet: A government-backed digital platform that allows
4 individuals and businesses to store, send, and receive money electronically,
5 working like Apple Pay, Venmo, Cash App, etc.
6 U.S. Citizen: A person who is recognized under law as a legal member of the
7 United States.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Reserve System will oversee enforcement of this legislation as
9 well as any funding.
- 10 A. An amount of 800 million will be given to create the national wallet and
11 for the running of the wallet.
- 12 B. The Liberty Wallet will be accessible on any internet-enabled device.
- 13 C. In order to gain access to the Liberty Wallet, an application will have to
14 be made online with information like proof of citizenship, proof of
15 address, and an initial fee of 10 cents.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on March 5th, 2027. All laws in conflict with
17 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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A Bill to Ban the Payment of College Athletes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** As athletics are a non-mandatory element of a college education and one
2 which provides clear non-monetary benefits to students who participate,
3 the financial compensation of college athletes is hereby unconditionally
4 prohibited.

5 **SECTION 2.** This prohibition shall apply to all students competing on teams that are
6 officially affiliated with a specific college or university, regardless of the
7 size, popularity, and competitiveness of the league(s) in which a team
8 competes.

9 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Education

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2025.

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

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A Resolution to Encourage the Establishment of ICE-Free Zones

1 **WHEREAS,** Raids carried out by the United States Immigration and Customs
2 Enforcement (ICE) have become increasingly inhumane and invasive; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Some cities, notably Chicago, have set inspirational examples for the rest of
4 the nation by establishing ICE-Free Zones to protect residents and citizens
5 from such excesses; and
6 **WHEREAS,** This sort of resistance is crucial in the fight to uphold our nation’s most
7 dearly treasured values; now, therefore be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled cities and other jurisdictions throughout
9 the United States and its territories are strongly encouraged to establish
10 ICE-Free Zones, banning ICE from conducting raids in areas where they
11 would be particularly disruptive and upsetting, including but not limited to
12 schools, parks, and libraries; and be it
13 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Congress additionally encourages these policies to offer their
14 protections to any private businesses that desire to opt in.
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A Bill to Eliminate the Filibuster

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The filibuster shall no longer be permissible in the Senate. It is henceforth
2 banned from incorporation into the rules in either chamber of Congress.
3 Additionally, a supermajority shall not be required for cloture. Instead, a
4 simple majority will suffice to end debate and move to a vote.

5 **SECTION 2.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

6 **SECTION 3.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Ban Pharmaceutical Ads from Television and Streaming Services

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Television stations and streaming services are henceforth prohibited from
2 running advertisements for medications where they may be viewed by
3 consumers in the United States and its territories.

4 **SECTION 2.** Any television station or streaming service found to be in violation of this
5 legislation shall be fined \$10,000 for each second of runtime during which
6 pharmaceuticals were advertised on their station or service. Should any
7 station or service accrue more than \$10 million in fines within the space of
8 one year, their license to broadcast shall be suspended for a period of one
9 (1) year.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be overseen and enforced by the Federal
11 Communications Commission (FCC).

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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