

Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensics League



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A RESOLUTION TO PHASE OUT CIGARETTE SALES TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH

1 Whereas: Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, taking
2 over 400,000 lives annually; and

3 Whereas: cigarettes contain highly addictive nicotine and over 7,000 harmful chemicals that
4 contribute to cancer, heart disease, and respiratory illness; and

5 Whereas: the cost of smoking related illness can exceed \$600 billion in the United States economy
6 each year; and

7 Whereas: secondhand smoke exposes millions of non-smokers, including children, to dangerous
8 health risks despite their lack of personal choice; and

9 Whereas: effective smoking cessation programs, counseling, and medical treatments are widely
10 available and have proven to be successful in helping individuals overcome nicotine
11 addiction; and

12 Whereas: eliminating cigarette sales would significantly reduce long term healthcare costs and
13 prevent millions of future deaths; now,

14 Therefore, be it resolved that this FGCCFL Student Congress here assembled the United States
15 should phase out the sale and distribution of traditional combustible cigarettes over the
16 next five years.

Respectfully submitted,

*Noah Insko
Sarasota High School*

A BILL TO IMPLEMENT DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO VERIFY SOCIAL MEDIA USERS AGES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: U.S.-based social media platforms must create a digital wall that requires at least one form of government identification to verify the age of users.

Article II: A. U.S.-based social media platforms shall be defined as any social networking or communication platform whose headquarters lie in the United States or primarily operates within the U.S. market, including platforms that collect data from or provide service to more than 1 million users annually.

B. Digital wall shall be defined as a secure, encrypted verification system in social media platforms that require government-issued identification for users to hold or create an account. The wall must store minimal personal data necessary and comply with federal data protection and privacy standards.

C. Government identification shall be defined as an official document issued by a federal, state, or local government that verifies a person's identity, including but not limited to state-issued ID, drivers license, military ID, or Permanent Resident Card.

Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on May 1, 2027.

Article IV: A. The Department of Education in tandem with the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

B. Any U.S.-based social media platforms failing to comply shall be fined \$1,000 per user each day until full compliance is achieved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Callie Schwingel
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A BILL TO LEGALIZE MEDICAL AID IN DYING

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: Medical aid in dying shall be legalized and implemented in all states and territories of the
3 United States.

4 Article II: Medical aid in dying shall be defined as the painless killing of those above the age of 18
5 with terminal illnesses who wish to die, given that it is prescribed by a physician and
6 administered in the presence of a physician.

7 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2027.

8 Article IV: A. The National Institute of Health and all state Departments of Health shall provide
9 enforcement of the provisions of this bill.

10 B. Misuse of medical aid in dying, such as administering to a patient under the age of 18
11 or who did not consent, will be classified as first or second-degree murder and
12 provide life in prison without the possibility of parole and the possibility of the death
13 penalty.

14 C. Medical aid in dying shall be implemented in major hospitals and medical offices
15 throughout the United States.

16 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elijah Russo
Sarasota High School*

A BILL TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE METAL DETECTORS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: US Department of Education is to provide metal detectors and require all public schools to use them.

Article II: A. A metal detector is a walk-through device designed to detect weapons and prohibited metal items.

B. Public schools shall be defined as any institution of learning that receives federal funding,

Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on August 2nd, 2028.

Article IV: The US Department of Education (DOE) that will get guidance and funding from the Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS).

A. DOE and OSHS will enforce the provisions of this bill by performing unannounced inspections to ensure the metal detectors are in use.

B. After a two-year grace period, schools found to be non-compliant with the legislation will face immediate suspension of operation until the matter is resolved.

C. DOE and OSHS will audit compliance through deployment of qualified security professionals tasked who will perform security and maintenance audits at a frequency of no less than every two calendar years.

D. Funding for the provisions of this legislation shall be provided by general tax revenues.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Caitlyn Greenlaw
North Port High School*

**A BILL TO EXTEND FOSTER CARE SUPPORT TO PROVIDE HOUSING ASSISTANCE
AND CONTINUED GUIDANCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: Young adults over 21 who have aged out of the system will now be eligible for expedited
3 housing assistance and continued guidance from caseworkers.

4 Article II: As defined in 42 U.S.C. § 675(4)(A), “foster care” provides 24-hour substitute care for
5 children who cannot live with their parents or guardians.

6 Article III: This legislation shall take effect on May 1st, 2026.

7 Article IV: A. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), acting through the
8 Administration for Children and Families and its Children’s Bureau, shall oversee the
9 implementation and enforcement of this Act.

10 B. The U.S. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall coordinate with
11 DHHS to administer and monitor the housing assistance provisions established under this
12 legislation.

13 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Willow Doabler
North Port High School*

A RESOLUTION TO LIMIT FEDERAL SPENDING ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

1 Whereas: In the past several years the forecast of federal spending on Artificial Intelligence
2 corporations has increased substantially from 335 million to a prospective 4.56 billion;
3 and
4 Whereas: a plethora of governmental agencies have signed contracts with leading AI Companies
5 including MORSE Corp, AI Signal Research and Palantir USG; and
6 Whereas: this rising trend strengthens the growth of generative AI which threatens the economy,
7 judicial system, environment, etc.; and
8 Whereas: raises tax prices and prevents the allocation of funding to other sectors ; now,
9 Therefore, be it resolved that this FGCCFL Student Congress here assembled calls for the reduction
10 and limitation of federal spending allocated to Artificial Intelligence-advertising
11 corporations.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ian Pegler
H.B. Plant High School*

A BILL TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN AI SYSTEMS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: All technology companies, research institutions, and government agencies developing or deploying artificial intelligence (AI) systems within the United States shall be required to implement transparency and accountability measures.

Article II: Artificial Intelligence systems shall be defined as any machine-based system that can operate autonomously and adapt after deployment.

Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on July 1st, 2026.

Article IV: A. The Department of Commerce shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

B. Transparency Requirement: All covered entities must publish clear documentation detailing the intended scope, purpose and limitations of each AI system, the data sources used in model training and steps taken to mitigate bias, and explainable summaries of decision-making processes accessible to people without technology backgrounds.

C. All entities subject to the provisions of this legislation shall undergo biannual audits by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), assessing transparency, equity, and privacy standards.

D. Any entity found to be in noncompliance shall be subject to fines not exceeding \$500,000. Revenues produced by fines shall be used to fund the provisions of this bill.

E. Companies may file for exemption under the premise of potential for the jeopardization of national security through disclosed information.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Aneesh Sivashankar
Robinson High School*

A BILL TO DEVELOP DOMESTIC RARE EARTH ELEMENT REFINEMENT

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: The United States shall invest two billion dollars into the development of domestic rare
3 earth element (REE) refinement.

4 Article II: Rare earth elements shall hereby be defined as a group of metallic elements, containing
5 Scandium, Yttrium, and 15 Lanthanides.

6 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2026.

7 Article IV: The Department of Defense (DOD), Department of Energy (DOE), and Department of
8 Treasury (DOT) shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

9 A. Two billion dollars shall be taken from the DOD budget to fund the provisions of this
10 legislation.

11 B. The DOT shall oversee the distribution of 1.5 billion dollars to existing REE
12 refinement companies.

13 C. \$500 million shall be invested into developing environmentally friendly refinement
14 methods.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Garett Senzon
Robinson High School*

A BILL TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: The adult use of cannabis (marijuana) shall be legal, regulated, and taxed to reduce illegal
3 markets, protect public health, generate revenue, and ensure safe access for adults aged
4 21 and older from registered retailers.

5 Article II: Cannabis shall be defined as all parts of the Cannabis sativa plant, its seeds, resin, and
6 derivatives, including marijuana.

7 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect one year after its passage.

8 Article IV: The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) shall oversee licensing, regulation, and
9 enforcement:

10 A. Adults may possess up to 1 ounce (28 grams) of cannabis in public and up to 8 ounces
11 (227 grams) in private residences.

12 B. Licensed retailers in compliance with labeling, safety, and testing standards, including
13 THC disclosure and contaminant testing shall be exempted from Article IV, Section A.

14 C. Cannabis products sold for recreational use shall be subject to a \$5 tax per gram, with
15 revenue allocated as follows: \$2.00 per gram for public health programs, \$1.50 per gram
16 for law enforcement and criminal justice reform, and \$1.50 per gram for community
17 development.

18 D. The Federal Communications Commission shall promulgate regulatory guidance
19 prohibiting cannabis advertisement to minors.

20 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sophia Preston
Admiral Farragut Academy*

**A BILL TO ESTABLISH DOMESTIC URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITIES
TO PROMOTE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: The U.S. shall incentivize the creation and maintenance of new uranium enrichment facilities and the production of High-Assay Low-Enriched Uranium (HALEU).

Article II: A. Nuclear enrichments shall be defined as the process of increasing concentration of natural uranium to make it suitable for use as nuclear fuel.

B. Standard work unit shall be defined as a measurement for work required to enrich uranium to a specific concentration.

Article III: This legislation shall take effect on December 1, 2026.

Article IV: The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Department of Energy (DOE), and Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

A. The IRS will establish a tax credit to all new and existing privately owned nuclear enrichment facilities producing HALEU SWUs.

B. The DOE will establish grant programs for the construction of new commercial-scale HALEU production facilities.

C. The NRC will receive an additional \$150 million to their current budget for increases in personnel and training associated with implementation of this legislation.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sean Peat
Wharton High School*

A BILL TO PUNISH ADULTERY

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: Adultery shall be classified as a federal offense, punishable by a fine of no less than
3 \$10,000 and no more than \$100,000 per incident, which will be made available to the
4 adulterer's former spouse upon divorce.

5 Article II: A. Adultery shall be defined as knowing and intentional engagement in sexual contact by
6 a married person with someone other than their lawful spouse or domestic partner.

7 B. Incidents of adultery shall be defined as individual calendar days in which such an
8 offense occurred.

9 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2027.

10 Article IV: The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

11 A. Federal courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction with state courts in enforcing this
12 legislation to ensure consistent application nationwide.

13 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Trotter

Sarasota Military Academy

A BILL TO PROTECT STATUTORY RAPE VICTIMS FROM PREGNANCY

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: All cases of documented pregnancy sustained below the age of consent as a result of
3 unlawful sexual contact with the victim shall be given the option of either medical
4 termination of the pregnancy at any stage in fetal development or adoption of the infant.

5 Article II: A. Documented pregnancies include those discovered incidentally in medical testing,
6 reported by social work interactions, or revealed through prenatal healthcare.

7 B. Adoptions shall proceed under established law and may preserve whatever familial
8 rights are negotiated on a case-by-case basis, with established preferences for
9 intrafamilial adoptions.

10 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2027.

11 Article IV: The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for enforcing the
12 provisions of this bill.

13 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Annalena Kayan

Sarasota Military Academy

A BILL TO TAX EXCESS COASTAL DEVELOPMENT

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: A 35% federal tax shall be levied on the construction of any new structure within three
3 miles from a marine coastline.

4 Article II: A. New structures shall include any residential or commercial building valued at over \$10
5 million USD at an address not taxed as the same sort of property in the previous calendar
6 year.

7 B. The products of this tax shall be allocated to the construction of storm drains and other
8 fortifications against extreme weather appropriate for regional needs as evaluated by the
9 Environmental Protection Agency.

10 Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1st, 2028.

11 Article IV: The Internal Revenue Service and the Environmental Protection Agency shall be
12 responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

13 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

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