

# NSDA District Docket

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# A Bill to Regulate Facial Detection Software

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  
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3 **SECTION 1.** State, local, and federal law enforcement agencies shall be prohibited from using  
4 facial recognition technology to identify, track, or monitor individuals or suspects.  
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6 **SECTION 2.** “Facial recognition technology” shall be defined as any automated or semi-  
7 automated system that assists in identifying, verifying, or gathering information  
8 about an individual based on the physical characteristics of that individual’s face.  
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10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee this legislation, restricting grant funding  
11 from agencies that violate the ban and shall ensure that any facial data previously  
12 collected or stored by such agencies is destroyed.  
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14 **SECTION 4.** Exceptions to this prohibition shall be granted only for the following purposes:  
15 A. Locating missing persons, including minors or victims of human trafficking.  
16 B. Verifying identity in controlled environments such as airport security,  
17 provided that data is deleted immediately after verification.  
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19 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2027. All laws in conflict with this  
20 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Episcopal Collegiate School.*

# A Bill to Reform Arkansas Public High School Start Times to Improve Well-being and Academic Productivity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All Arkansas public school districts will require their high schools to start the first  
3 class period of the school day no earlier than 8:30 AM (CST).

4 **SECTION 2.** Academic class periods refer to instructional periods during designated school  
5 hours in which students and teachers are present for academic purposes. A school  
6 day in this context refers to any calendar date within the first and last day of  
7 school when students receive academic instruction, as decided by the calendar  
8 made publicly available online through the Arkansas Department of Education  
9 Data Center.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this  
11 legislation. School start times and ending times will be determined by the school  
12 district within the parameters of this legislation and the mandated instructional  
13 hours determined by the Arkansas LEARNS Act. After this bill is passed, public  
14 school districts that continue to implement high school bell schedules, even just as  
15 an option for students, that begin before 8:30 AM (CST) will be fined by the  
16 Arkansas Department of Education for \$10,000 (ten-thousand) upfront; an  
17 additional fine of \$5,000 (five-thousand) will be charged to the school district  
18 following each subsequent academic semester in which a bell schedule that does  
19 not meet the requirements of this legislation is enforced.

20 **SECTION 4.** Implementation will begin one year after the passage of this legislation or no later  
21 than the first day of the 2027-2028 academic school year for Arkansas Public  
22 Schools.

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

# A Bill to Establish Mandatory National Service

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Beginning with individuals turning 18 on or after January 1, 2027, all eligible United States Citizens and permanent residents shall be required to complete 2 years of national service.

**SECTION 2.** The following pathways shall fulfill the national service requirements:

- A. Military Service: Service in any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, including active duty OR reserve components.
- B. Civilian Services: Placement in federally administered or federally recognized programs including but not limited to: FEMA corps, Americorps, DOE Assistance Corps, Environmental Conservation Corps, Public Health Response Corps, or Infrastructure Corps.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of War and Corporation for National and Community Service shall oversee recruitment, placement, program execution, and verification of service.

- A. The following will be allowed exemptions and accommodations:
  - a. Individuals with medical or physical conditions certified by a licensed physician shall be assigned non-combat or remote service roles when possible
  - b. Collegiate or professional athletes may refuse to serve UNTIL the end of their commitments, but not beyond age 24.
  - c. Failure to comply without an approved exemption shall result in loss of eligibility for federal student aid, federal employment, federal tax credits, and possible 2 years of jail time.
- B. Full completion of the two year service requirement shall qualify individuals for: tuition assistance up to \$10,000 per year for postsecondary education; priority rehiring status for federal jobs for 4 years; eligibility for low interest federal housing loans.

**SECTION 4.** Necessary funds to implement this legislation shall be appropriated from the Department of War discretionary budget and supplemented by CNCS funds as needed.

**SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

# A Bill to Prevent Non-Farmers From Exploiting Farmland Tax Breaks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  
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3 **SECTION 1.** That the Arkansas General Assembly shall revise the criteria for  
4 agricultural land tax designation to ensure that only individuals,  
5 families, and entities deriving a substantial portion of their annual  
6 gross income from active agricultural production shall qualify for  
7 agricultural property tax rates.  
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9 **SECTION 2.** The Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, in  
10 coordination with county assessors, shall develop a verification  
11 process requiring qualifying landowners to provide annual  
12 documentation of income sources and agricultural activity.  
13 A. landowners must submit a sworn affidavit attesting to the  
14 accuracy of the submitted information. providing county  
15 assessors with formal written evidence of compliance.  
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17 **SECTION 3.** Any landowner who misclassifies land to avoid taxes shall repay the  
18 full tax difference for up to five (5) prior years and may be fined up to  
19 \$2,500 per acre annually Exemptions apply to: individual farmers or  
20 family farms earning under \$500,000 gross annually, nonprofit or  
21 cooperative organizations engaged in bona fide agricultural  
22 production, and land enrolled in recognized federal or state  
23 conservation or agricultural programs  
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25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented by FY 2028

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Har-Ber High School.*

# A Bill to Support Federal Employees During Government Shutdowns

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  
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3 **SECTION 1.** Any federal employee who would not be paid while a government shutdown  
4 occurs would get paid \$15 per hour providing the minimum pay.  
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6 **SECTION 2.** A federal employee is: an individual who is currently employed by the U.S.  
7 Treasury Department or any other federal agency. Including but not limited to: the  
8 Armed Forces, the Reserve components, and the National Guard. Federal  
9 employees play a crucial role in the administration and enforcement of federal  
10 laws and policies.  
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12 **SECTION 3.** The Office of Personal Management Department will be in charge of paying the  
13 federal employees affected by the government shutdown.  
14 A. The punishment for not following through and paying the federal employee(s)  
15 is to provide the pay they should have received plus a bonus of 5% to the  
16 salary of what should have been given.  
17 B. Those who failed to pay the federal employees will receive a fine of \$3,000 per  
18 violation as according to the Fair Labor Standards.  
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20 **SECTION 4.** The Government Accountability Office would oversee that this pay gets carried  
21 out to all officials until the shut down has concluded.  
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23 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on February 1, 2027.  
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25 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A bill to increase transparency in federal legislative decision-making.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  
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3 **SECTION 1.** It shall be the policy of the United States to ensure that all legislative  
4 proceedings in which binding decisions on federal legislation are made are  
5 conducted with full public transparency through audio and video recording and  
6 public access.  
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8 **SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this legislation:

- 9 A. Legislative proceeding means any meeting, hearing, markup, conference  
10 committee, or negotiation in which Members of Congress discuss, amend,  
11 reconcile, or finalize legislative text.  
12 B. Binding legislative action means any action that directly determines the final  
13 language, structure, or passage of a bill, resolution, or amendment.  
14 C. Conference committee means a temporary joint committee of the House of  
15 Representatives and the Senate formed to reconcile differences between  
16 versions of legislation.  
17 D. Public broadcast means a live audiovisual transmission made accessible to the  
18 public via the internet, with an archived recording made available thereafter.  
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20 **SECTION 3.** The Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate shall  
21 jointly oversee the implementation of this bill.

- 22 A. Any bill, amendment, or legislative text produced in violation of this bill shall  
23 be procedurally invalid until reconsidered in a proceeding that complies with  
24 the requirements of this bill.  
25 B. It is authorized to be appropriated up to \$15,000,000 from Legislative Branch  
26 Appropriations to carry out this bill.  
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28 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this  
29 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A Bill To Safeguard Venezuelan Oil Reserves

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** American oil companies that establish and utilize infrastructure in Venezuela must  
3 give 20% of the annual revenue derived from drilling in Venezuela to a sovereign  
4 wealth fund.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Venezuelan sovereign wealth fund will be an endowment that subsidizes  
6 social services. This fund will be managed by the Venezuelan government.

7 A. Projects funded by the Venezuelan sovereign wealth fund shall include but not  
8 be limited to: the creation of railways, pipelines, hospitals, police stations,  
9 schools, and job training centers.

10 B. At least 5% of the sovereign wealth fund must be spent on election  
11 infrastructure and the support of democratic governance.

12 C. Oil companies operating within Venezuela must uphold basic ethical, labor, and  
13 environmental standards. At least 50% of the contracted or employed workers  
14 on these projects must be Venezuelan citizens.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall work in conjunction with international NGOs and  
16 the Venezuelan government in order to implement this legislation. The House  
17 Committee on Energy and Commerce in addition to the Senate Committee on  
18 Foreign Affairs will provide direct oversight.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

# Professional Degree Restoration Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  
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3 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education shall reinstate all degrees no longer designated as  
4 a “professional degree” per the (OBBBA). The requirements for these degrees  
5 must meet those as defined by the Higher Education Act of 1965, and all such  
6 degrees shall be eligible for higher federal lending limits.  
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8 **SECTION 2.** A professional degree shall be defined as defined by the Higher Education Act of  
9 1965: a degree that signifies both completion of the academic requirements for  
10 beginning practice in a given profession and a level of professional skill beyond  
11 that normally required for a bachelor's degree. Professional licensure is generally  
12 required. Examples of professional degrees include, but are not limited to:  
13 Pharmacy (Pharm.D.), Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.), Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.),  
14 Chiropractic (D.C. or D.C.M.), Law (L.L.B. or J.D.), Medicine (M.D.), Optometry  
15 (O.D.), Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.), Podiatry (D.P.M., D.P., or Pod.D.), and  
16 Theology (M.Div. or M.H.L.).  
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18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall update all records and notify accredited  
19 institutions within 180 days of enactment. Failure to comply with this Act shall  
20 result in the withholding of 10% of the Department's administrative funds until  
21 compliance is achieved.  
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23 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon passage. All laws or policies in conflict  
24 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Russellville High School.*

# A bill to regulate NIL spending in NCAA sports

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3 **SECTION 1.** The Federal Government shall establish baseline regulations on NIL spending by  
4 NCAA member institutions and affiliated NIL collectives to promote competitive  
5 balance.

6 **SECTION 2.** (a) NIL Collective shall be defined as any organization, group, or entity that  
7 coordinates, funds, facilitates, or distributes NIL compensation for collegiate  
8 athletes affiliated with a specific NCAA member institution.

9 (b) NIL Compensation shall be defined as any financial payment, endorsement  
10 agreement, appearance fee, marketing arrangement, or promotional  
11 compensation provided in exchange for a student-athlete's name, image, or  
12 likeness.

13 (c) Highest Competitive Subdivision shall be defined as the top level of  
14 competition within an NCAA-sanctioned sport, as recognized by the NCAA,  
15 including but not limited to:

16 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) for football;

17 Division 1 men's and women's basketball;

18 Any other NCAA sport without formal subdivisions, in which all division 1  
19 programs compete within a single competitive tier  
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21 **SECTION 3.** (a) A national NIL compensation cap shall be set at 15 percent of the average  
22 annual athletic revenue of institutions competing in the Highest Competitive  
23 Subdivision of each NCAA sport, calculated using a rolling three-year average.

24 (b) Violations: Any institution exceeding the cap shall face:

25 1. A monetary fine equal to 50% of the amount spent above the cap.

26 2. Suspension from postseason play or championships for the affected sport in the  
27 following season.

28 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Justice, through the Antitrust Division, in coordination with the  
29 NCAA, shall oversee enforcement.

**SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this  
legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A Bill Requiring An Increase In Guidelines For the Betterment of Patient Care in Acute Psychiatric Facilities

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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- 3 **SECTION 1.** All acute psychiatric facilities in the state of Arkansas must increase guidelines to  
4 improve the quality of care patients are receiving.  
5 A. Facilities must now use all available beds in their buildings to ensure that every  
6 bed is filled, cutting down on wait times for future patients.  
7 B. Through funding from the Arkansas Department of Human Services, facilities  
8 must provide higher quality hygiene items, along with upkeep of communal  
9 and private areas (including day rooms, bedrooms, and restrooms)

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11 **SECTION 2.** “Acute Psychiatric Facilities” Will be defined as “health services the patient  
12 receives during a brief yet severe episode of acute mental illness” “Higher quality  
13 hygiene items” shall be defined as bulk hygiene products that have been proven  
14 to provide better cleanliness for people that use it, including things such as body  
15 care and dental care. “Upkeep of communal and private areas” shall be defined as  
16 ensuring that all spaces used by staff and patients shall have comfortable (yet  
17 safe) furniture, floors, and ceilings, along with constantly working plumbing  
18 necessities.

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- 20 **SECTION 3.** The Arkansas Department of Human Services will oversee the implementation of  
21 this bill by conducting monthly evaluations of facilities in the state and by funding  
22 the necessary changes for the facilities.  
23 A. The Department of Human Services shall allocate \$1,000,000 towards these  
24 facilities. This money will go towards getting the necessary items to meet care  
25 standards.  
26 B. All facilities formerly funded by Medicaid services will now receive their  
27 funding directly from the Arkansas Department of Human Services

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29 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on the fiscal year of 2028. All laws in conflict with  
30 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A Bill to Require a Financial Education Course for High School Upperclassman within the state of Arkansas

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:  
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3 **SECTION 1.** Arkansas has one of the highest poverty rates in the nation, and looking  
4 specifically at children, studies show that there is a connection between parents  
5 who relied on welfare and their children doing the same.  
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7 **SECTION 2.** To address this, a new graduation requirement will be put in place for students to  
8 complete a quantitative literacy class or acknowledged equivalent that meets the  
9 official ADE standards (I.e. the AP Business Principles/Personal Finance course.)  
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11 **SECTION 3.** The course will be added to the list of required credits defined by the Arkansas  
12 Department of Education for a High School Diploma. This course should be  
13 completed in either the final year or penultimate year of high school.  
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15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enforced by the Arkansas Department of Education  
16 and will be put into effect in the 2026-2027 school year with the new expectation  
17 affecting 2029 graduates and beyond. All laws in conflict with this legislation are  
18 hereby null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Russellville High School*

# A Bill to Mandate at least 50% Female Participation in Clinical trials for Diseases Primarily Affecting Women

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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3 **SECTION 1.** This bill seeks to mandate a 50% diverse female participation (black, white,  
4 asian/native) in all federally funded clinical trials for drugs and research in  
5 diseases that primarily affect women. These include autoimmune disease (since  
6 they get a 75% female diagnosis), on top of many cardiovascular, neurological and  
7 musculoskeletal conditions, that have historically lacked sufficient female  
8 participation in their clinical trials, despite patient diagnosis commonly being  
9 women.

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11 **SECTION 2.** Autoimmune disease - A condition in which the body's immune system mistakes  
12 its own healthy tissues as foreign, and therefore attacks them, defined by the  
13 National Cancer Institute. Cardiovascular - relating to the heart and blood vessels,  
14 defined by oxford languages. Musculoskeletal - having to do with muscles, bones,  
15 tendons, ligaments, joints, and cartilage, defined by the National Cancer Institute.  
16 Diverse - is defined as participant numbers of 12.5% of each race: black, white,  
17 asian, and native (participants can be mixed).

18 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee this bill.  
19 A. A violation of this bill will result in a 15% deduction in federal funding towards  
20 clinical research lacking diverse female participants.  
21 B. That deduction will be geared towards funding this bill.

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23 **SECTION 4.** Notices of funding will be authorized by Congress for research done by The  
24 National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the FDA for this bill.

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26 **SECTION 5.** This Legislation will take effect on Dec 6th 2028.

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