# A Bill to Establish the State Veterans Mental Health and Housing Enhancement Program

1	SECTION 1.	The Department of Veterans Affairs shall create a new block-grant program
2		titled the "State Veterans Mental Health and Housing Enhancement
3		Program" to provide federal funds to states that expand or establish
4		comprehensive services for veterans, including mental health treatment,
5		suicide prevention, transitional and permanent supportive housing,
6		employment assistance, and peer-support resource centers.
7	SECTION 2.	"Veteran" shall have the meaning given in 38 U.S.C. § 101. "a person who
8		served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who was
9		discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than
10		dishonorable"
11		"State" shall include the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the
12		territories of the United States.
13	SECTION 3.	The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall award grants annually to states on a
14		formula basis determined by veteran population and demonstrated need.
15		A. There is hereby appropriated 6 billion dollars for fiscal year 2027 and
16		each fiscal year thereafter for these grants.
17		B. Grants may be used solely for mental health and substance-use
18		treatment, crisis intervention, transitional and permanent supportive
19		housing, job training and placement, education-benefits navigation,
20		and construction or operation of Veteran Resource Centers.
21		C. States shall provide a 10-percent match.
22		D. Every state receiving funds shall undergo an annual independent audit
23		and performance review by the VA Office of Inspector General or a
24		VA-approved third party to verify that all federal funds are used
25		exclusively for the purposes authorized in this Act.
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28		E. States found to have misused funds shall repay the misallocated
29		amount with interest and shall be ineligible for future grants until full
30		compliance is restored.
31		F. All existing federal penalties for misuse of VA funds shall apply.
32	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
33		this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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### A Bill to Incentivize States to Automatically Expunge Certain Juvenile Nonviolent Drug Records

1	SECTION 1.	Any state that enacts and implements a law providing for the automatic
2		expungement or sealing of juvenile adjudications for nonviolent drug
3		possession or use offenses (committed before age 18) upon the individual
4		reaching age 19—provided the individual has no subsequent felony
5		convictions and has completed all court-ordered requirements—shall be
6		eligible for federal juvenile justice block-grant funding under this Act.
7	SECTION 2.	"Nonviolent drug possession or use offense" shall mean simple possession
8		or use of a controlled substance classified as a misdemeanor or juvenile
9		delinquency act, excluding any offense involving distribution, trafficking,
10		manufacturing, or the presence of a firearm.
11		"Automatic expungement or sealing" shall mean the destruction or sealing
12		of records without requiring a petition from the individual, with notice
13		provided to affected agencies.
14	SECTION 3.	The Attorney General, acting through the Office of Juvenile Justice and
15		Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), shall award incentive grants to qualifying
16		states.
17		A. There is hereby appropriated \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 and
18		each fiscal year thereafter for these grants.
19		B. Grants may be used for record-system modernization, staff training,
20		legal aid clinics for youth, public awareness campaigns, and
21		administrative costs related to automatic expungement.
22		C. Participating states shall submit annual compliance reports. States that
23		fail to maintain the required expungement program shall repay grant
24		funds pro rata.
25		D. No state shall be penalized or lose existing federal law-enforcement or
26		juvenile-justice funding for declining to participate.
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**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. 

# A Bill to Establish the National Forest Health and Wildfire Mitigation Initiative

1	SECTION 1.	The Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior shall jointly establish and
2		fund a nationwide "National Forest Health and Wildfire Mitigation
3		Initiative" to dramatically increase prescribed fire, mechanical thinning,
4		and fuel-reduction treatments on federal, state, and private lands through
5		expanded cooperative partnerships.
6	SECTION 2.	"Prescribed fire" shall mean a planned fire applied under specified
7		conditions to reduce hazardous fuels.
8		"Mechanical thinning" shall mean the selective removal of trees and
9		vegetation to reduce fuel loads.
10		"Cooperative partnership" shall include Good Neighbor Authority
11		agreements, stewardship contracts, and shared stewardship agreements
12		with states, tribes, and local governments.
13	SECTION 3.	The Secretaries shall:
14		A. Treat a minimum of 5 million acres annually of federal land through
15		prescribed fire and mechanical thinning beginning in fiscal year 2027;
16		B. Provide \$2 billion in competitive grants annually to states that submit
17		and implement approved statewide forest-health and
18		wildfire-prevention plans, with priority given to high-risk landscapes;
19		C. Expand the Forest Stewardship Grant Program to private landowners
20		for defensible-space creation and fuel-reduction projects;
21		D. Require, as a condition of receiving grants under this Act, that counties
22		in high-risk wildfire zones maintain current Community Wildfire
23		Protection Plans.
24		E. There is hereby appropriated \$4,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 and
25		each fiscal year thereafter to fully fund these activities.
26		F. All existing federal penalties for misuse of funds shall apply.
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**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. 

# A Bill to Require Plain-Language Voter Guides as a Condition of Federal Election Funding

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1.	As a condition of receiving any federal election funding under the Help
2		America Vote Act (52 U.S.C. § 20901 et seq.) or any successor program,
3		every state shall produce and distribute with every official mail or absentee
4		ballot a plain-language voter guide for all federal races and federal ballot
5		measures.
6	SECTION 2.	"Federal election funding" shall mean any grants or payments provided to
7		states under the Help America Vote Act or its successor programs.
8		"Plain-language voter guide" shall mean a document written at no higher
9		than an 8th-grade reading level that contains: the exact ballot title and
10		text; a short, neutral summary in simple everyday words explaining what a
11		"yes/for" vote and a "no/against" vote would do; estimated major fiscal
12		effects, if any; and contact information for further questions.
13	SECTION 3.	The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) shall oversee compliance
14		nationwide.
15		A. The EAC shall publish plain-language writing guidelines and templates
16		within 180 days of enactment and provide free technical assistance to
17		states.
18		B. Beginning with the first general election after January 1, 2028, if a state
19		fails to provide the required plain-language voter guide for federal races
20		and measures, the EAC shall withhold 5 percent of that state's federal
21		election funding for the following fiscal year; provided, however, that
22		no funds shall be withheld until the state has been given written notice
23		and a one-year period to come into compliance.
24	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with
25		this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A Bill to Provide Bonus Federal Funding to States That Eliminate Juvenile Fines and Fees

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1	SECTION 1.	Any state that fully eliminates all monetary fines, fees, and court costs
2		imposed on juveniles (individuals under 18) in its juvenile justice
3		system—including probation fees, restitution processing fees, detention
4		costs, and any other administrative charges—and replaces them with
5		restorative justice alternatives such as community service, counseling, or
6		education programs, and forgives all existing juvenile debt to the state,
7		shall receive a one-time bonus payment plus an annual increase in federal
8		juvenile justice funding.
9	SECTION 2.	"Juvenile" shall mean any individual under 18 involved in a state juvenile
10		justice proceeding.
11		"Restorative justice alternatives" shall mean non-financial sanctions
12		focused on repairing harm, accountability, and rehabilitation.
13	SECTION 3.	The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) within
14		the Department of Justice shall administer this incentive program.
15		A. Qualifying states shall receive a one-time bonus of \$5 million plus a
16		permanent 15-percent annual increase above their regular Juvenile
17		Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act formula grant allocation
18		beginning the first full fiscal year after certification of compliance.
19		B. There is hereby appropriated \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 and
20		such sums as may be necessary each fiscal year thereafter to fund
21		these bonuses and increases.
22		C. OJJDP shall verify compliance through annual certifications and audits;
23		states found noncompliant shall repay the bonus and lose the increased
24		allocation until compliance is restored.
25	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with this
26		legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A Bill to Ban Outdoor Synthetic Pyrethroid Pesticides on Federal Lands

1	SECTION 1.	The outdoor use of synthetic pyrethroid pesticides is hereby prohibited on
2		all lands owned or managed by the federal government, including National
3		Forests, National Parks, Bureau of Land Management lands, National
4		Wildlife Refuges, and military installations. Limited exceptions may be
5		granted by the administering agency for emergency public-health purposes
6		or contained greenhouse use.
7	SECTION 2.	"Synthetic pyrethroid pesticide" shall mean any insecticide chemically
8		derived from or mimicking the structure of natural pyrethrins, including but
9		not limited to permethrin, cypermethrin, deltamethrin, and bifenthrin,
10		registered with the Environmental Protection Agency under FIFRA.
11	SECTION 3.	The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in coordination with the
12		Departments of Agriculture and the Interior, shall enforce this prohibition
13		on federal lands nationwide.
14		A. Civil penalties for violations on federal lands shall not exceed \$1,000
15		per offense; all penalties collected shall be deposited into the EPA's
16		Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program.
17	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with
18		this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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### A Bill to Mitigate Invasive Plants in National Parks Nationwide

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Introduced for Congressional Debate by \_\_\_\_\_.

1	SECTION 1.	The National Park Service shall establish and fund an Invasive Plant
2		Mitigation Program for all units of the National Park System to survey,
3		remove, and control invasive plant species and to restore native vegetation
4	SECTION 2.	"Invasive plant" shall mean any non-native plant species that causes or is
5		likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health
6		within a national park unit.
7	SECTION 3.	The National Park Service, in coordination with the U.S. Geological Survey
8		and the Department of the Interior, shall: conduct annual surveys of at
9		least 5 percent of each park's land area for invasive plants and publish the
10		results on a publicly accessible online database; prioritize removal and
11		control of high-risk invasive species using mechanical, biological, and
12		approved chemical methods; expand public education programs on
13		preventing the spread of invasive plants.
14		A. There is hereby appropriated \$150,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 and
15		each fiscal year thereafter to fully fund this program.
16	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on [insert date here, formatted as "FY 2021"
17		or "July 1, 2021" but not "July 1st"]. All laws in conflict with this legislation
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### A Bill to Expand Voluntary Federal Prison Work and Vocational Programs

1	SECTION 1.	The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) shall significantly expand the Federal
2		Prison Industries (UNICOR) program and other voluntary vocational,
3		educational, and restorative work programs in all federal correctional
4		facilities to provide incarcerated individuals with meaningful skill-building
5		opportunities, fair compensation, and reduced recidivism.
6	SECTION 2.	"Voluntary prison industries program" shall mean any BOP-approved work,
7		training, or service program in which participation is entirely voluntary,
8		complies with all federal labor laws including the Ashurst-Sumners Act and
9		18 U.S.C. § 1761(c), and pays participants at least the federal minimum
10		wage or prevailing industry wage, whichever is higher.
11		"Restorative work" shall include production of goods or services for federal
12		agencies, state and local governments, or qualified nonprofit organizations.
13	SECTION 3.	The Attorney General, acting through the Director of the Federal Bureau of
14		Prisons, shall: increase participation in voluntary prison industries and
15		vocational programs to at least 50 percent of the eligible federal inmate
16		population by 2030; ensure participants receive at least 50 percent of
17		earnings directly, with the remainder placed in individual savings accounts
18		available upon release or used for victim restitution and family support;
19		expand partnerships with federal agencies, state governments, and
20		nonprofits to create demand for goods and services produced; provide
21		accredited vocational training, apprenticeships, GED, and college-credit
22		courses tied to labor assignments.
23		A. There is hereby appropriated \$750,000,000 for fiscal year 2027 and
24		each fiscal year thereafter to fund program expansion, training,
25		facilities upgrades, and participant compensation.
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28		B. All existing federal prohibitions on forced labor and all inmate rights
29		under the First Step Act and Prison Rape Elimination Act shall continue
30		to apply.
31	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on October 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
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