

Free Community College Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Community College in the United States shall hereby have
2 no cost of tuition, books, or other resources that the institution provides to
3 be able to attend to the institution.

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5 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Education shall be in charge to oversee
6 and enforce the implementation of this legislation.

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8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall be allocated 100 billion
9 dollars over 10 years.

- 10 A. 75% of the funding shall be allocated from the Department of Defense
11 B. 25% of the funding shall be allocated from the Department of Homeland Security
12 C. Any funds that are unused of the allocated 100 billion over the 10 years shall be
13 allocated to aid in funding for a reduced cost of Pre-School

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 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on June 1st, 2027. All laws in
 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Des Moines North High School.

A Bill to Abolish Tipped Wages

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall remove the ability for employers to
2 employ people at a tipped wage lower than the federal minimum wage.

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4 **SECTION 2.** Tipped wages shall be defined as in which an employee
5 engages in an occupation where they receive more than \$30 a month in
6 customer tips.

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8 An employer of an employee that is considered to have a
9 tipped wage is required to pay said employee a minimum of \$2.13 per
10 hour.

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12 **SECTION 3.** The United State Department of Labor will oversee
13 implementation of this legislation.

14 A. Any employer found in violation of this legislation shall be subject to
15 current wage violation penalties.

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

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A Bill to Aid Public Defenders

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Any public defender hired by a county within the State of
2 Iowa or a public defender hired by the State of Iowa shall have their tuition
3 to the college or university that the person attended to receive their Juris
4 Doctorate reimbursed if they remain a public defender for a county or
5 state for more than 5 years consecutively.
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- 7 **SECTION 2.** The Office of the State Public Defender shall be in charge to
8 oversee and enforce the implementation of this legislation.
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- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Office of the State Public Defender shall be allocated
11 2,500,000 dollars a year from the Iowa General Fund budget.
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- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on June 1st, 2026. All laws in
14 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Repeal the Jones Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The Merchant Marine Act of 1920, or better known as the
2 “Jones Act” shall hereby be declared null and void upon passage of this
3 legislation.

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5 **SECTION 2.** The United States Customs and Border Protection, the
6 United States Coast Guard, the United States Department of
7 Transportation, and the United States Department of Commerce shall be in
8 charge of overseeing this legislation

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10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028. All laws
 in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Voting Rights Restoration Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any person with a felony record who meets the requirements to be
3 eligible to vote , currently out of prison or in prison, will be given the
4 choice of voting in elections if desired.

5 **SECTION 2.** Felony Record shall be defined as a document that states crimes
6 committed by a person having an official criminal history.
7 Voting will be defined as the act of casting a vote for a desired candidate
8 in an election.

9 Requirements for eligible are current voting requirements like age and
10 citizenship.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the enforcement of this
12 legislation.

13 A. For people currently in prison, in order to vote, ballots will be held in
14 a room supervised by officers; these ballots will be available online.

15 B. All federal laws that give someone a penalty for withholding the
16 option to vote will apply to a person or organization that stops
17 someone with a felony record from casting a ballot.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 4th, 2026. All laws in conflict with
19 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Fight Against Cartels Everywhere (F.A.C.E.) Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United State government will provide military and humanitarian aid to
3 Mexico. The aid will include, with the permission of the Mexican government,
4 a team of special forces to help train the Mexican Army.

5 **SECTION 2.** **Military aid** is defined as ground based weapons systems such as; assault
6 rifles, ammunition, anti-vehicle weapons such as the AT4, and humvees.

7 **Humanitarian aid** is defined as water, food, and shelter.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee the implementation of this bill

9 A. The Department of Defense will divert 95 million dollars of aid for funding
10 of the aid. All funding needed for the special forces will also be covered by
11 the Department of Defense. All travel costs will be paid for by the
12 Department of Defense.

13 B. 105 million dollars will be used for humanitarian aid.

14 C. The Department of Defense will help fight cartels through funding the local
military and non direct intervention. The military will use this aid to
confront the cartel head on.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on April 23, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Dowling Catholic High School.

A Bill to Increase Support for Taiwan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will increase support for Taiwan by providing existing US
2 military assets.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** These assets are:
4 M142 HIMARS - Five (5) units
5 AeroVironment Switchblade 300 - Two hundred and fifty (250) units
6 Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II - Ten (10) units
7 MIM-104 Patriot - Five (5) units
8 M777 Howitzer - Twenty (20) units
9 Munitions, maintenance, and training will be included.
- 10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the transfer of assets.
- 11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this legislation
12 are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ames High School.

A Bill to Require Safe Storage of Firearms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All gun owners are required to store any owned firearms securely.
- 2 **SECTION 2.** “Securely” will be defined as a lock of some sort which must be unlocked
3 before operation/access to the firearm is possible. Examples of secure
4 storage include but are not limited to gun safes and trigger locks.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives will be
6 responsible for overseeing enforcement of this bill in cooperation with
7 state and local law enforcement.
- 8 A. Those found to be in violation of this legislation will be fined as follows:
9 for the first offense up to \$500, for the second offense up to \$1,000,
10 and in cases of severe negligence up to \$10,000
- 11 B. Repeated violations could result in a loss of gun licence.
- 12 C. Violations of this legislation resulting in injury will result in 1-5 years of
13 imprisonment. Violations of this legislation resulting in death will result
14 in 10-15 years of imprisonment. Violations of this legislation resulting in
15 injury or death of a minor will result in 5-25 years of imprisonment.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this
17 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Increase Minimum Wage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Increase minimum wage to \$15.50 for a double income family and \$20.00 single income family.

SECTION 2. A. Double income: 2 people each above 18 years old each earning an income in the same household.

B. Single income: A person who solely provides for their household.

C. Minors: A minor minimum wage is \$10.50

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor: Wage and Hour Division (WHD) will oversee the enforcement of this bill

A. 1st offense: A businesses caught underpaying their workers will receive a first warning.

B. 2nd offense: A second time they get caught underpaying their workers, the business will be investigated by the Department of Labor and will be forced to pay back stolen wages to the employee.

SECTION 4. This bill will take effect a year after its passing.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Waukee Northwest.

A Bill to Replace the \$1 Bill With the \$1 Coin

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will perform a variety of actions to phase out the \$1 bill,
2 replacing it with the \$1 coin.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** The Department of the Treasury shall be allocated \$2 billion in order to
4 oversee this piece of legislation.
- 5 A. The US Mint shall stop minting the \$1 bill.
- 6 B. All financial institutions, including but not limited to banks, credit
7 unions, businesses, and ATMs, must provide change in \$1 coins instead
8 of \$1 bills.
- 9 C. All newly manufactured vending machines, kiosks, and other
10 automated payment systems must accept \$1 coins and may no longer
11 accept \$1 bills.
- 12 D. A publicly accessible website shall be established and maintained by
13 the Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Mint, enabling individuals
14 to order \$1 coins at face value, with delivery fees subsidized by the
15 Treasury to promote adoption.
- 16 E. Starting FY 2030, the \$1 bill shall be officially declared invalid as legal
17 tender and will no longer be accepted for financial transactions.
- 18 **SECTION 3.** This legislation takes effect in FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this
19 legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Johnston High School.

A Bill to Integrate AI into Education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The federal government shall provide grants to school
2 districts for acquiring and implementing generative AI tools to support
3 teachers in integrating AI into classroom instruction.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** "Generative AI" refers to artificial intelligence technologies
5 that create content such as text, images, or other media based on input
6 data. "School District" means a geographical area with administrative
7 control over public primary and secondary educational institutions.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the
9 implementation of this legislation by providing grants to school districts.
10 A. These grants shall place no restriction on the usage of funds for the
11 usage of AI by students in the classroom.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately. All laws in
13 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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