

NSDA Congress Legislation

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A Resolution to Establish a Uniform Guardianship Process for Adults with Special Needs Across All States

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Upon reaching the age of eighteen, individuals with intellectual and
2 developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, traumatic brain
3 injuries, or other qualifying conditions are recognized by law as
4 independent adults, regardless of their actual capacity to make informed
5 decisions regarding healthcare, finances, and daily living; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Parents and caregivers face complex, inconsistent, and costly
7 guardianship procedures that vary widely from state to state, creating
8 unnecessary barriers to maintaining continuity of care. Parents must pay
9 thousands for court costs and representation, as well as months in
10 preparation in meetings, provide medical certification, and overcome
11 administrative hurdles, while in other jurisdictions, processes and
12 terminology differ substantially, leading to confusion and inequity; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Parents are often the primary caretakers and providers of these
14 vulnerable individuals and cannot sacrifice time nor money for a lengthy
15 and costly process of maintaining the status quo of guardianship; and
- 16 **WHEREAS,** Medicaid and the Social Security Administration already serve as central
17 administrators of benefits for individuals with disabilities and maintain
18 systems capable of assessing functional needs and providing referrals;
19 and
- 20 **WHEREAS,** Primary doctor along with Medicaid or Social Security Income case
21 representative can refer parents for adult guardianship based on their
22 child's individual needs, saving families and states unnecessary costs;
23 now, therefore, be it
- 24 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation
25 to Abolish the guardianship process in favor of a Uniform Medicaid or
26 SSI referral program, for parents and guardians of those with disabilities
27 and/or special needs.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seminole HS.

A Bill to Codify the Child Tax Credit to increase Child Welfare

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will make permanent the expansion of the Child Tax Credit under
3 the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Payouts to families will equal
4 \$374 per month per eligible child.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Child Tax Credit" refers to a tax benefit paid out to families on behalf of
6 eligible children. "Payouts" refer to either physical mailed checks, or
7 direct deposits made to families based on their regular income tax filings.
8 "Eligible child" refers to any claimed dependent child under the age of 18
9 based on current tax code.

10 **SECTION 3.** This legislation will be overseen and enforced by the Social Security
11 Administration.

12 A. Benefit qualifications will be determined by current tax filings.

13 B. Payments will be issued on the second Wednesday of each month.

14 C. The Child Tax Credit is worth up to \$4,488 per qualifying child.

15 D. Fraudulent dependent claims will result in a repayment of the
16 amount paid out, a 10-year ban on claiming dependents, fines of up
17 to \$20,000, and jail sentences of no less than 3 years.

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19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in
20 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Abilene High School.

A Bill to Protect Minority Groups to Safeguard from Unjust Targeting

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No federal, state, or local authority shall designate any racial, ethnic,
3 religious, political, or cultural minority group as “mentally unstable,”
4 “Domestic threat,” or any equivalent stigmatizing designation, without an
5 act of Congress or state legislature with a two-thirds majority and subject
6 to judicial review.

7 **SECTION 2.** “**Mental disorder**” - characterized by a **clinically significant** disturbance
8 in an individual’s cognition, emotional regulation, or behavior.

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10 “**Domestic Threat**” – violent acts such as mass destruction, assassination,
11 or kidnapping, influence of government policy, intimidation or coercion
12 of a civilian population, disruption of governmental conduct.

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14 **SECTION 3.** Risk designations shall be made on an individual basis supported by
15 credible evidence, judicial oversight from DHS, and DOJ, and established
16 legal standards.

17 A. Group-based assumptions or stereotypes shall not be used as the
18 basis for security, mental health, or surveillance actions.

19 B. Any designation of a group as a security risk requires approval by
20 Congress and review by the Supreme Court.

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22 **SECTION 4.** The law shall go into effect immediately upon passage. All laws in conflict
23 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Bill to Standardize the Age of Concealed Carry

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The age requirement for concealed carry permits nationwide shall be
2 standardized to a minimum of eighteen (18) years old.

3 **SECTION 2.**

4 A. A "concealed carry permit", also known as a "license to carry" (LTC),
5 "concealed handgun license" (CHL), or similar designation, is a
6 document issued by a state or local government authority. This
7 document legally authorizes a person to carry a handgun, in a
8 concealed manner on their person or in close proximity, in a public
9 place.

10 B. A "nationwide standard" is a single, uniform set of rules, policies, or
11 criteria that applies identically across the country. In the context of this
12 bill, it means that a single federal law dictates the minimum age
13 requirement for all states.

14 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Justice, in coordination with the Bureau of Alcohol,
15 Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), shall create a national registry of
16 concealed carry permits that all states must participate in. This registry will
17 facilitate the "full faith and credit" of permits between states, similar to
18 how driver's licenses are recognized.

19 B. This legislation does not negate or override any existing state or local
20 laws concerning:

- 21 1. The locations where concealed firearms may be prohibited (e.g.,
22 schools, government buildings, private property with proper
23 signage).
- 24 2. The required training, background checks, or other safety measures
25 for obtaining a concealed carry permit, so long as these
26 requirements are applied equally to all applicants, regardless of age.
- 27 3. The types of firearms that may be carried concealed.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central.

A Bill to Require Labeling of AI-Generated Content Online

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All content generated by artificial intelligence, including but not limited to
2 text, images, video, and audio, must include a visible label indicating it was
3 AI-generated when published on any online platform accessible in the
4 United States.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this bill: “Artificial intelligence-generated content” is
6 defined as any material produced primarily by machine learning or
7 algorithmic systems without human authorship, including but not limited
8 to chatbots, image generators, and automated video production tools.
9 “Without human authorship” means the content was primarily generated
10 by an artificial intelligence system, regardless of minimal human input such
11 as providing prompts, making minor edits, or selecting outputs.
- 12 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission shall oversee enforcement of this policy.
13 Platforms failing to display the required labels may be subject to fines not
14 exceeding \$1,000 per violation, assessed per piece of content, and required
15 to implement corrective measures within 30 days.
- 16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect July 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with this
17 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snyder High School.

A Bill to Protect Immigrant Labor To promote labor stability, human dignity, and economic growth

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No immigrant engaged in lawful employment or verifiable work shall be
3 subject to deportation unless they are formally charged with a qualifying
4 criminal offense or pose a verified threat to national security.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Covered Worker" – Any immigrant, regardless of status, who can
6 demonstrate employment through W-2s, 1099s, pay stubs, or employer
7 affidavits.

8 "Criminal Charges" – State or federal charges for felony or serious
9 misdemeanor crimes involving violence, fraud, trafficking, or threats to
10 national security.

11 "Noncriminal Violation" – Civil immigration status violations (e.g.
12 overstaying a visa, undocumented entry) shall not be grounds for
13 deportation under this Act if the person is employed.

14 **SECTION 3.** Oversight shall be through the Department of Labor

15 A. Establish an Office of Immigrant Worker Protections

16 B. Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security must
17 jointly certify any removal action under this Act.

18 C. Annual reporting to Congress: number of workers protected; Number
19 of criminal-related deportations; Economic contributions of protected
20 workers.

21 **SECTION 4.** Bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage and shall sunset in
22 2035 unless renewed. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
23 declared null and void.

A Resolution to Establish Term Limits for Members of the United States Congress

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States Congress currently has no limits on the number of terms
2 members may serve; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** This lack of restrictions has resulted in a body dominated by career
4 politicians, reducing opportunities for new voices, innovation, and more
5 representative policymaking; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Unlimited tenure encourages decisions motivated by political
7 self-preservation rather than the public interest; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** These conditions undermine both the effectiveness and integrity of
9 Congress, eroding public trust in government; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommend the enactment of term
11 limits restricting members of the United States House of Representatives to
12 six terms and members of the United States Senate to two terms.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Snyder High School.

A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Prevent Gerrymandering

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **RESOLVED,** The United States hereby establishes Independent Redistricting
2 Commission in each of the 50 states to redraw congressional district lines
3 every 12 years following the U.S. Census Demographic shift. This
4 Independent Redistricting Commission will be created by each state.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** A. The Independent Redistricting Commission will have its members
6 selected to reflect the state's geographical, racial, gender, and political
7 diversity. The commission will require 8 members, with 2 chosen from the
8 two major political parties respectively, and four independents. Any map
9 will have to pass with all eight members in favor of the map to pass.
- 10 B. Each state will create its own independent redistricting commission.
11 State legislatures shall only reject the district map if they are found to
12 violate the state Constitution or the Constitution of the United States.
- 13 C. The independent commission will be established every 10 years
14 according to the U.S. Census demographic survey.
- 15 D. In the case that these maps violate the constitution, redistricting will be
16 done repeatedly until a map is approved.
- 17 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission will work alongside states to implement
18 this legislation. The Federal Election Commission will intervene if this
19 legislation is violated by any state commission.
- 20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with
21 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central.

A Resolution to Reinstate Federal Funding for Public Media to Encourage Transparency and Access in Media

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Trump administration has cut funding for public media; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** these cuts, totaling \$1.1 billion, have led to the Corporation for Public
- 3 Broadcasting, the main source of funding for public media organizations
- 4 like NPR and PBS, being forced to shut down; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Low-income and minority households rely on public media to receive
- 6 educational programming and impartial news; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** the loss of funding for these organizations will lead to decreased access
- 8 to educational content published by these organizations, leading to
- 9 further disparities in education for low-income and minority individuals;
- 10 and
- 11 **WHEREAS,** the loss of funding for these organizations will also lead to decreased
- 12 access to not-for-profit news and allow for-profit media companies to
- 13 take over the gap in the market left by public media and exacerbate
- 14 political divisions in the United States, harming our democracy; now,
- 15 therefore, be it
- 16 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following
- 17 recommendations to reinstate federal funding for public media.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Seminole High School.

A Bill to Eliminate the Cap on Social Security Payroll Taxes to Protect the Solvency of Social Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will apply the 12.4% payroll tax to all income, rather than just
3 earnings up to the current 2025 annual limit of \$176,100. This removal of
4 the annual limit will fund the Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance
5 (OASDI) program with an additional \$3.2 trillion over 10 years.

6 **SECTION 2.** "Payroll taxes" are the 6.2% employer and 6.2% employee taxes on
7 wages which pay into the OASDI Program.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) along with the Department of Justice
9 (DOJ) will oversee enforcement of this legislation.

10 A. Violations will be investigated by the DOJ's Tax Division, and evidence
11 being passed on to the local U.S. Attorney's office to present to a
12 Grand Jury.

13 B. If an indictment is secured and a conviction is passed down by the
14 Court, offenders shall face a jail sentence of no less than 5 years.

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16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage. The US Tax code shall be
17 amended within three months to reflect these changes. All laws in
18 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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