

# A Bill to Necessitate Background Checks in order to Purchase Firearms

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1   **SECTION 1.**   All gun owners shall be required by law to pass a background test to  
2                   purchase a firearm. The requirements to pass this background check will  
3                   include but are not limited to: possession of US citizenship, no criminal  
4                   record, being at least 18 years of age, and no current diagnoses of any  
5                   serious mental or personality disorder.
- 6   **SECTION 2.**   Firearms shall be defined as any gun or distance weapon with lethal  
7                   capacity. A serious mental illness is defined as a mental illness that  
8                   interferes with a person's life and ability to function. A personality disorder  
9                   is defined as a mental health condition that involves a long lasting, all  
10                  encompassing, disruptive patterns of thinking, behavior, and mood.
- 11 **SECTION 3.**   The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearm and Explosives (ATF) will oversee  
12                  the implementation of this legislation. The ATF will implement an ezra tax  
13                  of \$50 per firearm being purchased to assist in covering the cost of all  
14                  background checks.
- 15 **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025.
- 16 **SECTION 5.**   All sections of laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null  
17                  and void. All current laws put in place by the ATF will continue to be valid  
18                  unless they conflict directly with the implementation of this bill.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rep. Zoya Waqas, Half Hollow Hills*

- **A BILL TO IMPLEMENT POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT IN PRISONS ACROSS THE  
USA  
- IMPLEMENTING A REWARD SYSTEM**

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- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** In the USA, prisons have always focused on negative reinforcement,  
With the small exception of shortening the duration in prison depending on good behavior.  
Criminal justice specialists learned that positive reinforcement reduces recidivism and is more  
effective for long term behavioral changes. This bill will implement a reward system based on  
good behavior, similar to the punishment system used to reprimand bad behavior. Rewards can  
include: gaining privileges, extra phone time, access to skill building courses, or any other things  
that are sought after in the area. Positive reinforcement can create an environment that encourages  
cooperation and personal development through rewards.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Positive reinforcement” is defined as the process of increasing a  
behavior's future likelihood by delivering a desirable or rewarding stimulus immediately after the  
desired behavior occurs. “Recidivism” the tendency of a convicted criminal to reoffend.
- 5 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be handled by the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the The  
U.S. Department of Justice.
- 6 Along with the DOJ’s Census of State and Federal Adult Correctional Facilities  
inspection that already occurs every 5-7 years, a quick inspection/observation of the positive  
“rewards” an inmate can receive could be received.
- 7 A. Initially after the policy is put into place inspections could  
happen bi-monthly for 6 inspections
- 9 **SECTION 4.** This policy will be implemented on June 1, 2026. There will be enough  
time to research and implement rewards for “Good” behavior.
- 10 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and
- 11 void

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*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Rep. Bhairavi Khanna Half Hollow Hills High School East*

# Nats Bill

## A Bill to Join the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1.** The US hereby ought to become party to the United Nations Convention on the
2. law of the Sea.
3. **Section 2.** The Secretary of State shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
4. **Section 3.** This bill will be sent immediately to the President of the United States and will
5. be required to complete this action by July 4, 2026. All laws in conflict with
6. this legislation will hereby be declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Anthony Gabrielli – Chaminade High School*

# **A Bill to Expand Federal Support for Alzheimer’s Research**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

## **SECTION 1.**

The federal government shall establish a competitive grant program providing up to \$200,000 per award to qualified institutions conducting research aimed at preventing, treating, or curing Alzheimer’s disease.

## **SECTION 2.**

- a. A “research institution” shall be defined as a university, nonprofit organization, medical center, or laboratory primarily engaged in scientific or medical research.
- b. A “grant” shall be defined as a federally funded allocation of money awarded for the exclusive purpose of advancing Alzheimer’s research.
- c. Institutions receiving funds must submit annual progress reports to the implementing agency.

## **SECTION 3.**

This program shall be administered by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).  
The funds for this program shall come from the existing NIH research budget and shall not require additional appropriations.

## **SECTION 4.**

The NIH will create an application process, evaluation criteria, and oversight procedures no later than July 1st, 2026.

## **SECTION 5.**

This legislation shall take effect on January 1st, 2027.  
All laws in conflict with this act are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Half Hollow Hills High School East.*