

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 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.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Des Moines North High School.

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.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Des Moines North High School.

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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A Bill to Stabilize South and East Asia by Increasing U.S. Military Support to the Region

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will provide military support to promote stability
3 in Southeast Asia, the South China Sea, and the Sea of Japan.

4 **SECTION 2.** Military aid will include both troops and technological assistance.

5 A. The United States will increase its overall military presence in the
6 region by adding 25 F-16 Fighter Jets and 25 A-10 Warthogs in
7 addition to their crews and support personnel to be stationed in
8 South Korea. Adjustments can be made as needed in the future.

9 B. Technological assistance will include enhancement of the South
10 Korean military by installing Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense and
11 Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) systems.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will be responsible for the implementation of
13 this bill and funding allocations will come from the current U. S. Defense
14 Budget.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will begin enforcement immediately upon passage with
16 full implementation completed within two years.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the Northwest Indiana District

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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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ames High School.

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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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Johnston High School.

A Bill to Limit Variety Stores

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will limit the physical proximity of
3 local variety stores.

4 **SECTION 2.** A variety store shall be defined as a retail store that carries a wide variety
5 of merchandise, especially of low unit value. The distance between one
6 variety store and another will not be under 50 miles.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Commerce, Department of Transportation, and
8 Department of Agriculture will create a committee that will enforce this
9 legislation.

10 A. The three departments will equally allocate \$50,000,000 toward
11 general funding of the legislation.

12 B. Any variety store will have to apply to the committee stated above
13 and must be approved before they can open and operate a variety
14 store. Previous existing variety stores shall be subject to this. The
15 committee shall consider applications in the order they are
16 submitted.

17 C. If previous existing variety stores do not legally close within a 1-year
18 period upon passage of this legislation, a fine of \$250,000 shall be
19 charged per location per quarter.

20 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on July 1st, 2027

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bettendorf High School.

A Bill to Increase Medical Stability

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall create a standard-base price
3 on all universally utilized medical products that will apply to all states and
4 territories.

5 **SECTION 2.** A standard-based price shall be a fixed cost that all medical institutions
6 will utilize to purchase. Medical products will be defined as common
7 medical and surgery supplies.

8 **SECTION 3.** Prices shall be evaluated once a fiscal year and will be created based off
9 of the lowest existing cost in the continental United States upon passage.
10 A patient shall be charged when they personally use the physical medical
11 supply.

12 **SECTION 4.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the
13 implementation of this bill

14 A. \$50,000,000 from the Department of Health and Human
15 Services shall be allocated towards the implementation of this bill. The
16 leftover funding after 5 years after passage will return to the Department
17 of Health and Human Services.

18 B. Companies, Hospitals, or any infrastructure that offers
19 professional healthcare that does not follow this legislation shall receive
20 a \$100,000 fine per offense. After 3 offenses in a single fiscal year, the
21 company will lose their business license and be forced to shut down.

22 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Bettendorf High School.

The Nuclear-Free Future Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government shall cease and desist all nuclear
3 energy production and usage in all 50 states and territories under US control.

4 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear energy shall be defined as the energy released during controlled
5 nuclear reactions.

6 **SECTION 3.** The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) shall be
7 tasked with enforcing this legislation.

8 A. The USNRC shall aid and assist existing nuclear energy companies throughout
9 10 years in switching to renewable energy sources. This includes, but is not
10 limited to: wind, solar, and hydro power. This aid will be provided through the
11 funding of this legislation.

12 B. The USNRC shall not aid if a company chooses to switch to a nonrenewable
13 energy source, and will discourage against such. Examples of this include but
14 are not limited to: natural gas and burning fossil fuels.

15 C. Any company/agency/corporation found in violation of this legislation after
16 the below posted date shall suffer the following punishments: On the first
17 offense, the company/agency/corporation itself shall be fined \$100,000. On
18 the second offense, the CEO or company equivalent shall face a penalty of 3
19 years in federal prison and their company/agency/corporation shut down by
20 the USNRC. If further violations, subsequent penalties will be determined by
21 the USNRC.

22 **SECTION 4.** \$10,000,000,000 from the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS)
23 budget shall be allocated towards enforcing this legislation.

24 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall go into effect on July 1st, 2036. All laws in conflict
25 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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