

A Bill to Restore Previous Federal School Lunch Requirements

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) shall restore the National
3 School Lunch Program meal requirements to the standards in effect prior to the
4 implementation of the 2012 Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch
5 and School Breakfast Programs.

6 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation, "previous school lunch requirements" shall
7 refer to the National School Lunch Program meal patterns in effect before the
8 2012 USDA nutrition standards implementation. Under these requirements,
9 schools shall not be federally required to meet the increased fruit, vegetable,
10 and whole-grain requirements established by the 2012 rule.

11 **SECTION 3.** Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program shall retain the
12 ability to offer students a variety of foods, provided that meals continue to meet
13 the federal requirements established under the restored meal pattern.

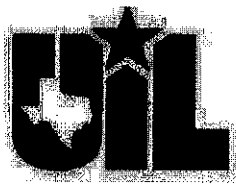
14 A. The USDA shall be responsible for implementing and monitoring the
15 restored meal requirements.

16 B. Schools found to be in noncompliance with the adjusted standards shall risk
17 the loss of grant funding awards from the USDA.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on August 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by China Spring High School.



A Bill to Prohibit Lethal Military Force Against Suspected Drug Trafficking Vessels

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Armed Forces shall not use lethal force against vessels
3 or persons suspected of drug trafficking except during a war declared by
4 Congress or an authorization for use of military force.

5 **SECTION 2.** "Lethal force" means any action intended to kill persons or destroy a
6 vessel, including airstrikes and missile strikes.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DoD) shall enforce this bill.

8 A. The Secretary of Defense shall rescind all standing orders authorizing
9 lethal strikes on suspected trafficking vessels.

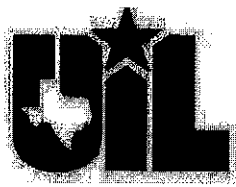
10 B. The United States Coast Guard shall retain full authority to conduct
11 interdiction operations, and the DoD may provide vessels, aircraft,
12 and personnel in support.

13 C. The Secretary of Defense shall report to Congress quarterly on all
14 counternarcotics operations conducted at sea.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect January 1, 2027.

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

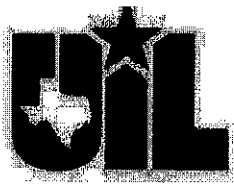
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A Resolution to Establish a Pacific Collective Defense Treaty Organization

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The Indo-Pacific region has no multilateral collective defense alliance
2 comparable to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); and
3 **WHEREAS,** United States security commitments in the region rest on separate
4 bilateral treaties with Japan, South Korea, the Philippines, Australia, and
5 Thailand, none of which obligate those nations to defend one another;
6 and
7 **WHEREAS,** The Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) dissolved in 1977 and no
8 successor alliance has replaced it; and
9 **WHEREAS,** The People's Republic of China has expanded its naval forces, asserted
10 disputed maritime claims, and extended its economic influence
11 throughout the region; and
12 **WHEREAS,** Existing partnerships such as the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue and the
13 Australia-United Kingdom-United States (AUKUS) agreement provide
14 coordination but contain no mutual defense guarantee; and
15 **WHEREAS,** A unified alliance would deter aggression, distribute defense costs among
16 partners, and reassure regional allies; now, therefore, be it
17 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled recommends that the United
18 States negotiate a Pacific collective defense treaty containing a mutual
19 defense guarantee and open to nations bordering the Pacific Ocean,
20 including Taiwan; and, be it
21 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Senate consider any such treaty under its constitutional
22 authority to provide advice and consent.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Waco Midway High School.



A Bill to Grant Workers the Right to Disconnect Outside of Contracted Hours to Promote a Healthy Work-Life Balance

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Private and public employers shall be prohibited from retaliating and/or
3 reprimanding employees who refuse to monitor, read, or respond to
4 contact or attempted contact outside of their contracted working hours
5 unless such refusal is unreasonable.

6 **SECTION 2.** Private and public employers are defined as any workplace authority
7 which provides payment to employees. Contracted working hours are
8 defined as the clearly defined hours or expected labor obligations listed
9 in an employee's contract and/or job description. Unreasonable is
10 defined as exemptions based on seniority, reason for the contact, and/or
11 the level of disruption caused by the refusal.

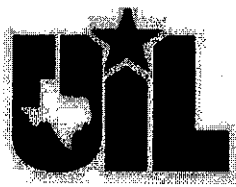
12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor shall oversee the implementation and
13 enforcement of this bill.

14 A. Employers found to be in violation of this law shall be issued a fine of
15 no less than \$1,000.00 but not to exceed \$50,000.00 depending on
16 the severity of the infringement.

17 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect on August 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by China Spring High School.



A Bill to Establish a Minimum Age Requirement on the Sale of Energy Drinks

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The national minimum age to purchase, possess, or consume an energy
3 drink shall be set at 18 years of age.

4 **SECTION 2.** "Energy drink" shall be defined as a non-alcoholic, psychoactive
5 functional beverage marketed to increase mental alertness,
6 concentration, and physical performance with over 70 milligrams of
7 caffeine per 9 fluid ounces and one or more metabolic stimulant such as
8 taurine, guarana, L-Carnitine, or Methylxanthines.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) will oversee the enforcement of
10 this law in coordination with the state governments.

11 A. Manufacturers must register beverages that meet the above
12 definition and include a standardized warning label on packaging.

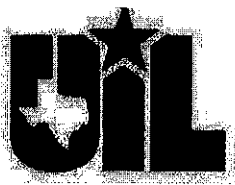
13 B. Retailers, including E-commerce platforms, delivery apps, and
14 automated merchandising machines, must verify the purchaser's age.

15 C. Noncompliant retailers face a graduated penalty system, including a
16 warning, mandatory employee retraining, a fine not to exceed
17 \$10,000, and suspension or revocation of their food dealer license.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Little River Academy High School.



A Resolution to Place Regulatory Limits on Graphic Violence in Video Games

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Modern video games increasingly feature hyper realistic, graphic
2 depictions of extreme violence, including simulated torture and
3 dismemberment; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Numerous psychological studies link prolonged exposure to interactive,
5 violent media with desensitization, increased aggressive behavior, and
6 decreased empathy in developing adolescents; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The current self-regulatory body, the Entertainment Software Rating
8 Board (ESRB), lacks federal enforcement power to prevent minors from
9 easily purchasing mature-related content; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** Protecting the psychological well-being of youth is a compelling
11 government interest that justifies the implementation of stricter,
12 enforceable distribution guidelines; now therefore, be it
- 13 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled should establish mandatory
14 federal regulations and strict retail penalties to limit minors' access to
15 excessively violent interactive media.
- 16 *Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mildred High School.*