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# A Bill to Condition US Arms Sales on Democratic Governance Benchmarks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HEREIN ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1       **SECTION 1.**   The United States shall not furnish any arms sale, grant, or military  
2                               assistance to any foreign government unless the State Department  
3                               certifies that the recipient government meets democratic governance  
4                               benchmarks. Democratic benchmarks shall include, but not be limited  
5                               to, the following criteria:
- 6                               A.       Evidence of regularly competitive elections for executive and  
7                                               legislative branches;
- 8                               B.       Respect for fundamental civil liberties including freedom of  
9                                               expression and assembly;
- 10                              C.       Civilian oversight of military and security forces.
- 11       **SECTION 2.**   Definitions
- 12                              A.       “Arms sale” means any transfer of weapons, defense articles,  
13                                               defense services, or military training financed or licensed by the  
14                                               United States.
- 15                              B.       “Military assistance” means security cooperation programs  
16                                               including foreign military financing, foreign military sales, and  
17                                               similar support.
- 18       **SECTION 3.**   The State Department will submit an annual report to Congress  
19                               identifying all foreign governments that have received arms sales or  
20                               military assistance and detailing the basis for certification.
- 21       **SECTION 4.**   \$15 million will be added to the State Department’s budget in the next  
22                               cycle to fund all costs associated with this legislation.
- SECTION 5.**   This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage. All laws in  
                              conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by East Ridge High School.*

# A Bill to Repurpose Nuclear Weapons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HEREIN ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All tactical nuclear weapons owned by the United States will be decommissioned and reconstructed into uranium fission reactors in an effort to cooperate with international law and lessen climate change effects.

**SECTION 2.** A. Tactical nuclear weapons (TNWs), also known as non-strategic nuclear weapons (NSNWs) are defined as low-yield weapons used in specific battlefield circumstances.

B. Other nuclear warheads (i.e., SLBMs and ICBMs) will remain in current storage systems and will not be affected by this legislation.

**SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State will be responsible for safe dismantling of the weapons.

B. The Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be in charge of ensuring operational reactors by 2032.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Eagan High School.*

# A Bill to Invest in Sustainable American Data Centers

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Energy shall create a Sustainable Data Center Investment  
2 Program that awards grants and tax credits to data centers meeting the clean  
3 energy and water standards in Section 2. A data center receiving an award shall  
4 keep its computing output at or above the level listed in its application.
- 5 **SECTION 2.** For the purposes of this legislation:
- 6 **A.** A data center, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 17112, shall be any facility that mainly  
7 holds electronic equipment used to process, store, and transmit digital  
8 information. This covers standalone buildings and server rooms inside larger  
9 buildings.
- 10 **B.** The clean energy standard shall require that at least 90 percent of a data  
11 center's yearly electricity come from carbon-free sources, including solar,  
12 wind, nuclear, hydroelectric, and geothermal power.
- 13 **C.** The water standard shall require that a data center use no more than 0.25  
14 gallons of water per kilowatt-hour of electricity consumed by its equipment.
- 15 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy shall administer this program and the Environmental  
16 Protection Agency shall verify compliance.
- 17 **A.** A data center shall meet both standards within six years of its first award, and  
18 the Environmental Protection Agency shall measure its energy and water use  
19 each year.
- 20 **B.** A data center in a region whose electrical grid cannot supply 90 percent  
21 carbon-free power may apply for a single three-year extension.
- 22 **C.** A data center that misses either standard after its deadline, or whose  
23 computing output falls below the level in its application, shall repay all funds  
24 received and shall be barred from the program for five years.
- 25 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of the first fiscal year after passage. All  
26 laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Minnetonka High School.*

## A Bill to Defund Private Prisons

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HEREIN ASSEMBLED THAT:

1       **SECTION 1.**   Private Prisons in the United States will lose all government contracts  
2                           and funding, along with the permission to hold criminals in their  
3                           facilities. The federal government will have the opportunity to purchase  
4                           these facilities and transform them into public prisons.

5       **SECTION 2.** Private prisons are defined as places where a third party, contracted by  
6       a government agency, imprisons people.

7       **SECTION 3.**   The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) will be tasked with executing this  
8                       bill. Any agencies providing government contracts to these prisons will  
9                       rescind them immediately upon this bill taking effect, including U.S.  
10                      Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the U.S. Marshals Service.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. Michael Albertville High School.*

# **A Bill to Implement Restorative Justice**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HEREIN ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Every prison must roll out a restorative justice program. Accordingly, every defendant who pleads guilty will be eligible for Restorative Justice, provided a judge approves.

**SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this bill:

**Restorative Justice** is defined as a process whereby parties with a stake in a specific crime resolve collectively how to deal with the aftermath of the crime and its implications for the future.

**SECTION 3.** **The Bureau of Prisons (BOP)** will oversee that these programs are funded and utilized efficiently

**SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2030.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Wayzata High School.*

# A Bill to Establish the Department of Gun Violence Prevention

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HEREIN ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1       **SECTION 1.**   This Act creates a cabinet-level Department of Gun Violence Prevention  
2                               (DGVP). The DGVP shall coordinate federal programs to reduce gun  
3                               violence, fund school and community safety initiatives, and research  
4                               prevention strategies.
- 5       **SECTION 2.**   Gun violence shall be defined as any injury, death, or threat of harm by  
6                               the use of a firearm in public or private spaces, including schools,  
7                               places of worship, and community areas.
- 8       **SECTION 3.**   Implementation of this policy shall be overseen by the Department of  
9                               Justice and the ATF until the DGVP becomes operational.
- 10                       A. Upon becoming operational, the DGVP shall coordinate federal gun  
11                               violence prevention programs and report annually to Congress on  
12                               their effectiveness.
- 13                       B. The DGVP shall be funded through annual appropriations by  
14                               Congress and may receive transfers from existing agencies as  
15                               necessary.
- 16       **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028. All laws in conflict  
17                               with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

# A Bill to Improve Public Health

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HEREIN ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1       **SECTION 1.**   All working individuals must be fully vaccinated against the following to  
2                           be eligible to work: DTaP, polio, varicella, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis,  
3                           measles, mumps, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rubella, the HPV vaccine  
4                           series, influenza, and COVID-19.
- 5       **SECTION 2.**   The following terms are defined:
- 6                           A.       vaccine: a substance used to stimulate immunity to a particular  
7                                       infectious disease or pathogen, typically prepared from an  
8                                       inactivated or weakened form of the causative agent or from its  
9                                       constituents or products.
- 10      **SECTION 3.**   The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the  
11                           Department of Labor (DOL) shall oversee the implementation and  
12                           enforcement of this legislation. Additionally, DOL and HHS will work  
13                           together to develop additional resources and policies to continue  
14                           improving public health. Working-age individuals who miss the  
15                           required vaccinations will be ineligible to enter the workforce until they  
16                           are vaccinated. Individuals may claim exemption from vaccination if  
17                           they are allergic to the vaccines.
- 18      **SECTION 4.**   This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2027. All laws in conflict with  
19                           this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by St. Francis High School.*

# The Hiring Accountability Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HEREIN ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** All employers in the United States with 50 or more employees who use an automated employment decision tool to substantially assist or replace human judgment in hiring, promotion, or termination decisions shall be required to conduct a bias audit of that tool annually and publish a public summary of the results.

**SECTION 2.** For the purpose of this legislation:

A. An “Automated Employment Decision Tool” (ADET) refers to any AI or algorithmic system used to assist or replace human decision-making in the hiring and termination process.

B. A bias audit refers to an independent analysis evaluating whether the ADET produces different outcomes across gender, race, ethnicity, and age.

**SECTION 3.** Employers affected by this legislation shall notify employees when an ADET was used in their evaluation and shall provide an explanation of the general factors considered by the tool. Employers with fewer than fifty employees shall be exempt from the audit requirement in Section 1 for the first two years following this legislation’s effective date.

**SECTION 4.** The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation and is authorized to investigate complaints and issue fines against employers found in violation.

**SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028, to allow time for employer compliance and EEOC rulemaking.

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

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