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# A Bill to Authorize Mobile Voting in Federal Elections to Improve Voter Accessibility and Ballot Security

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: All registered voters shall be granted the option to participate in federal elections through mobile voting platforms, allowing ballots to be submitted electronically using personal mobile devices.

Article II: Mobile voting shall serve as an additional method of casting ballots and shall not replace existing voting procedures. The following apply:

A. “Mobile voting” shall mean the electronic submission of a ballot in a federal election through a protected voting application accessible on an individual’s mobile device.

B. “End-to-End Verifiability (E2E-V)” shall mean a cryptographic system that allows voters to verify their ballots and enables election audits while preserving voter anonymity.

Article III: This legislation shall become effective in Fiscal Year 2027.

Article IV: The Federal Election Commission (FEC) shall be responsible for supervising and ensuring compliance with this legislation.

A. Tusk Philanthropies, in partnership with the National Cybersecurity Center and the National Federation of the Blind, shall oversee mobile voting implementation, funding, and compensation for federal election officials.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Noam Weitzman*
*Newsome High School*

# A Bill to Increase School Mental Health Counselors to Support Student Well-Being

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: All public K–12 schools in the United States shall maintain a minimum ratio of one full-time, state-licensed mental health counselor for every 250 enrolled students. Districts may employ licensed psychologists or social workers to help meet this ratio.

Article II: A. "Mental health counselor" refers to a professional licensed by the state to provide counseling or therapeutic services.

B. "Public K–12 schools" refers to any elementary, middle, or high school receiving state or federal education funding.

Article III: This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027.

Article IV: The Department of Education (DOE), in coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), shall oversee enforcement of this legislation.

A. States shall submit annual reports on counselor-to-student ratios for all public K–12 schools.

B. Districts failing to meet the required ratio must submit corrective action plans outlining hiring timelines and funding strategies.

C. Federal education grants may be conditioned upon meaningful progress toward compliance, including the hiring of additional counselors.

D. DOE shall provide technical assistance and guidance to districts, including best practices for recruitment and retention of mental health professionals.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sophia Plarinos*
*Academy of The Holy Names*

**A BILL TO AUDIT THE INSPECTIONS OF I.C.E. DETENTION CENTERS TO ENSURE ETHICAL HOUSING CONDITIONS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) shall ensure ethical housing conditions within ICE detention centers.

Article II: A. "Housing condition requirements" shall be defined as provision of housing areas which meet U.S. Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement amendment 0002 and the provision three meals a day which meet the Federal Bureau of Prisons food service manual number 4700.08.

B. "Detention center evaluation" shall be defined as a formal investigation which measures whether or not a detention center meets federal detention standards.

C. "Detention intake" shall be defined as the administration and classification of a detainee to an immigration detention facility.

Article III: This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028.

Article IV: The ICE office of Detention Oversight shall enforce this act by:

A. Conducting unannounced investigations into the housing conditions of ICE detention centers twice per year.

B. Halt detention intake for any detention center if housing condition requirements have not been met.

C. Permit failing detention centers to re-allocate funds towards meeting housing condition requirements for a period of 8 months, wherein an additional inspection is then conducted to assess compliance.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Audrey Moller*
*H.B. Plant High School*

**A BILL TO ENCOURAGE THE TEACHING OF**
**PERSONAL FINANCIAL LITERACY TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: All state or territorial governments shall have the chance to receive a federal project grant for the purpose of financially supporting high school personal financial literacy courses.

Article II: "Federal project grant" shall be a federal grant from a newly made federal account profile of the Department of Education for this bill's purpose.

Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2028.

Article IV: The Department of Education (ED), each year, shall work closely with the said governments to determine the appropriate grant amounts when awarding them and how they are distributed within that government's covered schools. The ED, every year, shall also request this grant money from each budget meeting in Congress to fund their new federal account profile.

A. The ED shall create minimum content requirements for these federally funded courses to cover. These must be followed to receive funding.

B. Grant receivers must update the ED of how grant money is spent along with students' academic performance in the course.

C. The ED has the authority to adjust grant distribution as it sees fit.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Vivaan Vankadia*
*Strawberry Crest High School*

# A Bill to Establish an Alternative Corridor to the Suez Canal

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: The United States Federal Government shall contribute to the joint funding and construction of a Multinational High-Speed Freight Railway connecting Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt to supplement the Suez Canal and reduce dependence on vulnerable maritime trade routes.

Article II: A. ""Multinational High-Speed Freight Railway" shall be defined as a freight transportation network designed for rapid, large-volume cargo movement, connecting the Arabian Sea to the Mediterranean Sea through Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt.

Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect at the beginning of fiscal year 2027.

Article IV: The Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Department of State, shall oversee the implementation of this legislation and negotiate funding agreements with participating countries.

A. Annual funding allocations shall be contingent upon the consent of participating nations.

B. Annual funding allocations and subsequent distributions, if any, shall be made in contemplation of an economic and engineering feasibility assessment.

C. Annual funding allocations will only be made where construction contracts are awarded through competitive bidding and subject to independent oversight.

D. Neither annual nor total US funding amounts shall exceed 50% of total annual or cumulative project costs.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Teym Saeed*
*Robinson High School*

**A BILL TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF**

**UNSOLD CLOTHING BY MAJOR FASHION RETAILERS**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: Major Fashion Retailers operating within the United States shall be prohibited from intentionally destroying or disposing unsold, wearable clothing through landfills or incineration.

Article II: A. "Major Fashion Retailer" shall be defined as any clothing company generating $50 million or more in annual U.S. revenue, including online retailers and foreign companies selling clothing within the United States.

Article III: This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2028.

Article IV: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

A. Major Fashion Retailers shall be required to: (1) Offer unsold wearable clothing for resale, donation, or reuse before considering recycling, (2) Transfer non-wearable but recyclable clothing to a qualified textile recycling facility, (3) Maintain annual records documenting the quantity of unsold clothing resold, donated, recycled, or discarded, and (4) Submit these records to the EPA by March 31 of each year.

B. Clothing deemed contaminated, hazardous, recalled, or otherwise unsafe for use shall be exempt from the disposal prohibition. Retailers must maintain documentation supporting any claimed exemption.

C. Major Fashion Retailers found intentionally violating this legislation shall face civil penalties of up to $10,000 per violation, defined as a documented disposal event.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall hereby be declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Elektra Phelps*
*Wharton High School*

# A Bill to Regulate the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: The use of Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Models in healthcare settings shall be permitted only when a qualified healthcare professional retains final decision-making authority over all medical decisions involving patient care.

Article II: A. "Artificial Intelligence (AI)" shall refer to computer systems capable of performing tasks requiring human intelligence, including medical diagnosis and treatment recommendations.

B. "Large Language Models (LLMs)" shall refer to AI systems trained to process, interpret, and generate human language.

C. "Human Oversight" shall require a licensed healthcare professional to approve or override AI-generated medical recommendations.

Article III: This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2028.

Article IV: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall oversee and enforce this legislation.

A. Healthcare providers found in violation of this legislation shall be subject to a minimum fine of $150,000 per infraction.

B. Healthcare institutions utilizing AI systems must establish appropriate safeguards to ensure continuous human oversight and patient safety.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Nolan Childress*
*Newsome High School*

# A Bill to Eliminate the Daylight-Saving Time & Establish a Permanent Standard Time

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: The United States shall abolish the twice-yearly advancement of clocks, establishing a standard time as the year-round official time.

Article II: "Standard time" shall be defined as the local time officially recognized by the Uniform Time Act of 1966 within each respective time zone when Daylight-Saving Time is not active.

Article III: The provisions of this bill shall take effect on March 14, 2027.

Article IV: The Department of Transportation shall hereby be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

A. Funding for the administrative coordination and public notification of this transition shall be drawn entirely from existing budgetary resources of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Stuti Patel*
*Alonso High School*

# A Bill to Reduce Single-Use Plastic Packaging to Protect the Environment

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: All retail businesses in the United States with annual gross revenues exceeding $5 million shall reduce their use of Single-Use Plastic Packaging by 40% from 2026 levels by the year 2032. Businesses may achieve this reduction through reusable, recyclable, or compostable alternatives.

Article II: A. " Single-Use Plastic Packaging" refers to plastic materials designed to be used once for the containment, protection, or transport of goods and then discarded.

B. "Retail Businesses" refers to entities selling goods directly to consumers, including but not limited to grocery stores, department stores, and online retailers.

Article III: This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

Article IV: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this legislation.

A. Retail Businesses shall submit baseline reports of single-use plastic packaging usage for calendar year 2026.

B. The EPA shall require biennial progress reports demonstrating progress toward the 40% reduction target.

C. Retail Businesses that fail to meet interim or final reduction targets may be subject to civil fines proportional to the scale of noncompliance.

D. The EPA shall establish a certification program recognizing Retail Businesses that exceed reduction targets or fully transition away from Single-Use Plastic Packaging.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bexley Miller*
*Academy of The Holy Names*

**A BILL TO REQUIRE AN OPERATIONAL REPLACEMENT BEFORE THE RETIREMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: The United States shall require the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), under the foreign-policy guidance of the President and in coordination with international partners, to pursue continued International Space Station (ISS) operations until a Qualified Replacement Orbital Station has demonstrated the capability to support United States astronaut operations and scientific research, except as provided in Article IV.

Article II: A. "Qualified Replacement Orbital Station" shall mean an orbital station certified by NASA to support at least four astronauts for thirty consecutive days, maintain functional life-support systems and emergency evacuation capabilities, and conduct scientific research.

Article III: This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2028.

Article IV: NASA shall be responsible for implementing this legislation and certifying qualifying replacement stations.

A. NASA may discontinue United States participation in ISS operations if a documented engineering assessment determines continued operations present unacceptable risks.

B. $30 billion shall be appropriated from the general fund of the United States Treasury over five fiscal years beginning in fiscal year 2028 to implement this legislation.

Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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