

A Bill to Provide Military Aid to Somalia

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Two hundred fifty million dollars in military aid shall be given to the government
3 of the Federal Republic of Somalia for the purpose of helping the Somali military
4 eliminate the al-Shabaab jihadist-fundamentalist group.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Military Aid” shall be defined as funds used to purchase firearms, ammunition,
6 heavy weapons, military vehicles, etc.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State in conjunction with the Department of Defense shall
8 be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

9 B. One hundred million dollars in military aid will be sent to the government of
10 the Federal Republic of Somalia immediately upon passage. The remaining \$150
11 million in military aid will be sent 12 months after the initial transfer. If the
12 Department of State determines that the initial \$100 million was improperly used
13 by the government of the Federal Republic of Somalia in the 12-month
14 intermission between the two transfers, then the second transfer will not be
15 delivered.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sanjan Gadde
Hillsborough High School*

A Bill to Increase the Funding for NASA Student Learning Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The funding for NASA student learning programs shall be increased to
3 \$8 million.

4 **SECTION 2.** Student learning programs shall be defined as educational programs focusing on
5 training students in aerospace sciences, and space exploration.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration shall be responsible for
7 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

8 B. The necessary funds will come from the Department of Transportation's
9 budget.

10 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Devin Escobedo
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Reconstruct the Foster Care Placement System

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The foster care system is inefficient and harmful towards children; and
2 **WHEREAS,** Improper background checks of foster homes create unsafe environments; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Foster care children are exposed to abuse in their foster homes; and
4 **WHEREAS,** Frequent movement between homes will continue to negatively affect children
5 throughout their lifetimes; now, therefore, be it
6 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled calls for stricter background checks on foster
7 care homes and demands the foster care placement system to extend periods of
8 stay for foster children.

Respectfully submitted,

*Scotti Horowitz
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Provide Humanitarian Aid to Sri Lanka

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The country of Sri Lanka and its citizens are undergoing a severe economic
2 depression; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The people of Sri Lanka are facing food scarcity, inflation issues, and a steady
4 deterioration of their collective health and safety; and,
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Without aid, Sri Lanka would only be able to address its failing economy and be
6 unable to meet the needs of its suffering citizens until much later; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** Despite the United States' financial help in the past, Sri Lanka requires aid now
8 more than ever before; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Humanitarian assistance is currently vital to the livelihood of Sri Lanka's
10 struggling population; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled insists upon providing humanitarian
12 aid in order to abate the crisis in Sri Lanka.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sraddha Karthik
Sickles High School*

**A Resolution to Support Ukraine’s Acceptance into NATO
to Resolve the Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine and Russia**

1 **WHEREAS,** Due to the breakout of war between Russia and Ukraine, a humanitarian crisis has
2 been steadily growing; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Since the international community has responded with sanctions against Russia,
4 and

5 **WHEREAS,** These sanctions have been ineffective and have allowed for the humanitarian
6 crisis to continue and the economies of the countries affected to dwindle; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled shall support Ukraine’s acceptance into
9 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to mitigate and possibly stop the
10 humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

Respectfully submitted,

*Srijan Dharmavaram
Carrollwood Day School*

A Bill to Create a National Collegiate Entrance Exam

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall devise and administer a standardized test to all high
3 school seniors to determine their contention for admission to any college or
4 university in the United States receiving federal funding.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The standardized test will be designed to test both fundamental and advanced
6 academic knowledge and skills.

7 B. The test will be administered on the same date and time for all high school
8 seniors. If the date or time are unfeasible for certain individuals, a make-up day
9 will be established to account for these students.

10 C. Each university may establish their own personal minimum score and/or
11 subject scores for admissions contention. However, these scores may not be the
12 sole factor in the university's admissions process.

13 D. Similar tests (e.g., the SAT or ACT) may still be administered but shall not be
14 considered for university admission purposes.

15 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
16 of this bill.

17 B. Secondary schools, school systems, colleges, and universities that do not
18 comply with the provisions of this bill shall lose all federal funding.

19 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect August 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew Krywko
Southeast High School*

A Bill to Fund Research in Combating Malaria

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall spend \$1.5 billion to fund research in combating malaria.

3 **SECTION 2.** Research funded under the provisions of this bill shall not be subject to patent
4 protection.

5 **SECTION 3.** A. The department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for
6 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

7 B. Funding for this bill will come from capital gains tax

8 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 3 months after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Tyler Emery
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Protect the Federal Funding of Sanctuary Jurisdictions

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall not deny, withhold, or reduce federal funding to a state,
3 county, municipal, or local government because such government is a sanctuary
4 jurisdiction.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, a “sanctuary jurisdiction” shall be defined as state or local
6 governmental bodies that have adopted policies protecting undocumented
7 immigrants from deportation and prosecution despite the federal immigration law.

8 B. As used herein, “federal funding” shall include all federal grants and direct
9 federal payments from the United States to state, county, municipal, or local
10 governmental bodies.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and all the Department of Homeland Security shall be
12 responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Hu
Pine View School*

A Resolution to Standardize Food Labeling

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Millions of tons of food is wasted in the U.S. yearly; and
2 **WHEREAS**, Wasted food has various economic, ethical, and environmental implications; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Consumer confusion toward food expiration labels increases food waste produced
4 by the consumer sector; now, therefore, be it
5 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled calls for food label requirements for
6 expiration to be standardized at the federal level.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gemma Davies
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Provide Aid for Pakistan

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Four billion dollars in aid shall be given to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to
3 assist in the natural disaster events which are taking place.

4 **SECTION 2.** Sixty percent of the aid will be given specifically for the construction of
5 architecture. The remaining forty percent will be specifically reserved for food
6 and medical amenities which are needed.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of State shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
8 this bill.

9 B. Aid shall be given annually and shall terminate on November 1, 2027.

10 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lucas John

Palm Harbor University High School

A Resolution to Allow a Pathway to Citizenship for Migrant Families

1 **WHEREAS,** Children from immigrants are being separated from their parents at the border;

2 and

3 **WHEREAS,** Over 2,000 children since July 2018 have been sent to the custody of the

4 Department of Health and Human Services; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Mental health groups, and human rights organizations all say this could cause

6 serious, lasting harm to children and their parents; and

7 **WHEREAS,** There is a limited pathway for citizenship for immigrant families; now, therefore,

8 be it

9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled call for an end to the separation of

10 immigrant families; and, be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these families should have priority for H-1B visas under the

12 Immigration and Nationality Act to stop children and families from being

13 separated.

Respectfully submitted,

Avery Wallace

Carrollwood Day School

A Bill to Limit Gun Violence

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All persons attempting to purchase a firearm must apply for and receive a
3 federally distributed firearm ownership license.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. The term “firearm” includes any handheld gun regardless of brand, type, or
5 distinguishing characteristic.

6 B. In order to obtain a firearm ownership license, the purchaser must apply in
7 person, provide their fingerprints to local law enforcement, and must attend a
8 firearm safety course.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shall be responsible
10 for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

11 B. Any party found guilty of purchasing a firearm before receiving their license
12 will be charged with a second-degree misdemeanor and receive a fine of \$1,000.

13 C. Any party found guilty of selling a firearm to an unlicensed individual will
14 receive a fine of \$1,000.

15 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect January 1, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Chloe Billaut
Southeast High School*

A Resolution to Establish Universal Preschool in Every State

1 **WHEREAS**, Universal preschool is not seen in every state and only exists in three states
2 (Florida, Georgia, and Oklahoma); and

3 **WHEREAS**, Universal preschool only allows family, despite income, to send their child
4 to preschool for free; which is funded by their state; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Preschool is a necessity to allow young children to thrive and learn in a safe
6 environment; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Many families throughout the United States of America are unable to send their
8 children to preschool; now therefore be it

9 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled that universal preschool be
10 implemented in every state.

Respectfully submitted,

*Puja Patel
Southeast High School*