

A Bill to Limit College Tuition Through Private Education Loans

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All higher education institutions shall implement private lending instead of
3 federal loans.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Higher education institutions shall be defined by 20 U.S. Code § 1001.

5 B. Private lending refers to private loans given by banks, credit unions, or state
6 affiliated organizations that have terms and conditions set by the lender.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Education shall be tasked with the enforcement of this
8 policy.

9 B. All previous federal education loans shall be serviced and continued until it
10 matures.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Bhavya Talati
Strawberry Crest High School*

A Bill to Mandate Cameras in Operating Rooms

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Surveillance cameras will be placed in all operating rooms. All operations will be
3 recorded except in cases where (a) the patient is at immediate risk of death or
4 significant physical or mental disability; (b) recording would significantly hinder
5 the achievement of the hospital’s mission, such as the training of surgical
6 residents; or (c) the patient voluntary waives recording.

7 **SECTION 2.** Hospitals shall take appropriate measures to prevent loss, theft, leakage,
8 manipulation, or damage of video information, including but not limited to
9 establishment of an internal management plan and separation of storage devices
10 and networks.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for enforcing
12 the provisions of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect six months after passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Avery Wallace
Carrollwood Day School*

A Bill to Defund Residential Schools for Indigenous People

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall abolish the funding for residential schools for indigenous
3 people.

4 **SECTION 2.** A residential school is defined as a government supported boarding-school with
5 the intentions of assimilating the children of indigenous communities with
6 western culture.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall implement this bill.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Bria Dean
Newsome High School*

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Establish a Maximum Presidential Age Limit**

1 **WHEREAS,** The office of the president is not currently restricted by a maximum age limit; and

2 **WHEREAS,** This lack of regulation of the highest office in the land has the potential to breed
3 ineptitude in future presidential candidates; and

4 **WHEREAS,** The tenets of democracy could be compromised due to such unsuitability; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Ill-suited candidates would weaken the United States on an international scale;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is
8 proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be
9 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the
10 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within four years from the date of
11 its submission by the Congress:

12 **ARTICLE --.**

13 **SECTION 1:** Presidential candidates must be under seventy years of age as of
14 the date of the election in which they are participating.

15 **SECTION 2:** Candidates eligible during the election may exceed the age
16 limitation while in office, but may not be considered for a second
17 term of service.

18 **SECTION 3:** The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by
19 appropriate legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sraddha Karthik
Sickles High School*

A Bill to Fund the Conservation and Protection of the Amazon Rainforest

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall provide 1 billion dollars in funding to the Amazon Fund
3 annually for the next 10 years.

4 **SECTION 2.** “The Amazon Fund” is a climate financing initiative for the REDD+ (Reducing
5 Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) platform that provides
6 funds and measures to prevent control and combat deforestation and sustainable
7 use of resources in the Amazon.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
9 of this bill.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shaliana Bravo
Southeast High School

A Bill to Ensure Stability in African Countries

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Four billion dollars in foreign developmental aid shall be provided annually to
3 select countries in Africa for the next 7 years. Of these funds, 2 billion dollars will
4 be dedicated to developing infrastructure and 2 billion dollars will be dedicated to
5 ensuring long term African economic stability. This funding will be provided in
6 addition to any current aid programs/humanitarian efforts existing in Africa.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. Infrastructure shall be defined as roads, water pipes, electric grid systems, etc.
8 B. African economic stability shall be defined as the ability for the economy of
9 African economies to uphold themselves independently.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) shall be responsible
11 for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

12 B. Every other year, an evaluation by USAID shall be conducted in Africa to
13 determine the effectiveness of the aid. If the aid is deemed to be ineffective,
14 USAID will devise new strategies to distribute out aid more effectively.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Rushi Patel
Pine View School*

A Bill to Repeal Civil Asset Forfeiture

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

2 **SECTION 1.** No federal, state, or local law enforcement agent shall have the ability to seize
3 civil assets unless they are charging the asset’s owner with some form of
4 wrongdoing.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. The seizure of civil assets is defined as any form of civil forfeiture or any other
6 means of seizing civil property from those suspected of being involved with
7 criminal activities.

8 B. In order to seize the assets, a law enforcement officer must be charging an
9 individual with some form of wrongdoing, as well as have a search and seizure
10 permit issued by a local judge or magistrate.

11 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of
12 this bill.

13 B. Any officers found guilty of violating section 1 of this bill will be fined a
14 minimum of \$20,000 upon their first abuse and a minimum of \$50,000 upon any
15 further abuses. Any officer cumulatively fined over \$100,000 will be dismissed
16 from service.

17 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 30 days after passage.

18 **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 Abolish the Death Penalty

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall stop using the death penalty as a punishment for federal
3 offenses.

4 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, the “death penalty” is the judicially ordered execution of a person
5 convicted of a capital federal crime.

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

8 B. All pending federal death sentences shall be commuted to sentences of
9 imprisonment for life without opportunity for release.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlize Buie
Wharton High School*

A Resolution to Invest in Food Hybridization Research

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Thirty-four million Americans are food insecure; and
2 **WHEREAS**, Food hybrids offer a solution to food insecurity; and
3 **WHEREAS**, Food hybrids can have larger crop yields, increase pest and disease resistance, and
4 higher nutrient levels; now, therefore, be it
5 **RESOLVED**, That the Student Congress here assembled demands increased investment in food
6 hybridization research.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anika Sackerlotzky
Sarasota High School*

A Bill to Increase Funding for Treating Mental Illness in Foster Children

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall increase funding by \$1 billion for treating mental health
3 illnesses among children that fall within the Title IV-E foster care program.

4 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, “mental health illnesses” are mental health conditions diagnosed
5 by a licensed professional competent to make such diagnoses.

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

8 B. Funding shall be distributed proportionately between states by the number of
9 affected children within each state.

10 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect August 30, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Sophia Lucena
Sickles High School*

A Bill to Reform the Process of Implementing Sanctions

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

2 **SECTION 1.** United States trading sanctions may only be placed on severe foreign practices
3 and must be approved by three-fourths of both houses of Congress before they are
4 implemented.

5 **SECTION 2.** “Severe foreign practices” are defined as direct threats to homeland security.

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

8 B. The Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation will oversee the
9 just creation of economic sanctions and the enforcement of said sanctions.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Selena Berhie
Strawberry Crest High School*

A Bill to Fund Teacher Raises

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will reallocate \$32 Billion from the military budget to provide
3 money for states to provide a \$10,000 raise for every public-school teacher in the
4 United States.

5 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, a “public school” is defined as any school that is funded by state
6 or local tax dollars.

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

9 B. Money will be denied to any state that does not use funding as allocated in this
10 bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect July 1, 2023.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Ryder Yarbrough
Osceola Fundamental High School*

Rejected Item

The item below was submitted for this tournament but was not approved for the docket.

For this tournament only, schools that submitted only unsatisfactory legislation had their most salvageable item repaired by the League and placed on the docket to enable their students to compete. **At Grand Finals, such items, if submitted, will be rejected, and students from those schools will not have the opportunity to qualify for Nationals in Student Congress.**

Legislation Title	Issues
A Bill to Provide Humanitarian Aid to Argentina	Submitted in as a PDF document. Not written using the template. Appears to be plagiarized from another school's legislation from a previous tournament.

A Friendly Reminder

Legislation approved for this tournament met the minimum requirements of the League (or was repaired so that it did). It may still be vague or ambiguous, unconstitutional, unworkable, or otherwise ill-advised. These are issues to be addressed in floor debate. **The approval of an item of legislation does not constitute a “clean bill of health” from the League!**