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# STUDENT CONGRESS DOCKET

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## ABOUT THE DOCKET

This docket consists of all legislation submitted by the registration deadline and deemed satisfactory by the League. Items on the docket appear in an order that **does not** reflect the legislative calendar or chamber assignments. Although each will consider its own members' legislation first, it is highly likely that items from the other chamber will be considered. **HENCE, IT IS TO COMPETITORS' ADVANTAGE TO RESEARCH EVERY ITEM ON THIS DOCKET, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR DIVIDED AMONG A SCHOOL'S DELEGATION.**

Legislation may be approved even if it is unconstitutional, unworkable, or ill-advised. These are issues that you should consider raising in floor debate. The placement of legislation on this docket does NOT constitute a "clean bill of health" from the League!

## NOTE TO AUTHORS

**Check your bill.** It may have been edited or rewritten in order to save it from being rejected and to ensure that you and your teammates were able to attend the tournament. **This will NOT be done at Grand Finals.**

## ITEMS NOT INCLUDED

The items below, while potentially sufficient to admit their sponsors' delegations to the tournament, were not considered suitable for the docket and could not be rewritten to make them suitable. Please refer to the cited sections of the FGCCFL STUDENT CONGRESS MANUAL for further information.

<b>Title of Legislation</b>	<b>Deficiencies and Notes</b>
A Bill to Implement "The American Jobs Act of 2011"	The bill it incorporates its entire legislative proposal by reference, § 16(c). Additionally, the bill was not submitted in an approved template, § 15(a).
A Bill to Enhance Digital Design Standards for Children	The bill was not written in the approved format, §§ 15(a) & 16(b). When edited to adhere to the approved format, it exceeded one page, § 15(c).
A Bill to Implement Nutrition Education in Early to Middle American Education	The bill was not written using the approved template, § 15(a), and exceeds one page, § 15(c).
A Bill to Reform Penal Labor	The bill was not written using the approved template, § 15(a), and exceeds one page, § 15(c).
A Bill to Implement Regulations on the Use of Prior Authorization	The bill exceeds one page, § 15(c).

**A Bill to Fairly Represent Immigrant Children**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All minors in the United States of America at risk of being deported will be  
3 assigned a lawyer to represent them in any immigration court cases regardless of  
4 circumstance.

5 **SECTION 2.** A minor at risk of deportation is defined as any person under the age of 18 who is  
6 scheduled to appear in an immigration court for any deportation proceedings.

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

9 B. An appropriation of \$30,000,000 per year shall be provided to the Department  
10 of Justice for the enforcement of this bill's provisions.

11 C. Any person or persons found guilty of trying a minor without proper  
12 representation or deporting a minor without a trial will be removed from and  
13 barred from serving in their current position, as well as any other position in the  
14 Department of Justice or the Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

15 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect one month after passage.

16 **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 Incentivize Vertical Farming**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Vertical farming yielding significant crops will be incentivized through a  
3 government subsidy ranging from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Vertical farming” shall be defined as an agricultural process in which crops  
5 are grown on top of each other rather than in traditional horizontal rows.

6 B. “Significant crops” shall be defined as crop producing profits of at least \$1,000  
7 a year.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Agriculture (hereinafter USDA) shall be responsible for  
9 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

10 B. The USDA will receive an extra \$500 million in funding from the Department  
11 of Transportation’s budget to achieve the provisions of this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Devin Escobedo  
Sarasota High School*

**A Bill to Enforce Vaccinations for All Students**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Vaccinations and immunization records provided by a licensed medical provider  
3 will be required for students to enroll in K-12 public schools receiving federal  
4 funding.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. “Vaccinations” are defined as a treatment used to provide the patient with  
6 immunity to prevent diseases.

7 B. “Immunization records” are defined as a recorded history of mandated  
8 vaccinations received by the student.

9 C. Documentation of immunization shall be required every time a student enrolls  
10 in a new school.

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

13 B. Any parents who refuse to vaccinate their children will have their students  
14 declined enrollment into public schools.

15 C. Public schools enrolling unvaccinated students in violation of the bill shall be  
16 ineligible for federal funding.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Andrew Light  
Sarasota High School*

**A Bill to Limit the Use of Red Dye 40 in Beverages**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall implement a national 15% tax on beverages containing  
3 RED Dye 40 to lower consumption and to subsidize alternative dyes.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Beverages” shall be defined as any type of drink except water including but  
5 not limited to sodas, energy drinks, milk, and powdered drink mixes containing  
6 more than 40 milligrams of RED 40 per liter.

7 B. “Alternative dyes” shall be defined as health-driven alternatives to RED 40  
8 such as beet juice, beet powder, pomegranate juice, or any other natural-based  
9 sources of dye.

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

12 B. Subsidies of \$5 million will be given to companies producing these alternatives  
13 successfully incorporating them into the market.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Daniel Buiko  
Pine View School*

**A Bill to Recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Indigenous Peoples' Day will be recognized as a federal holiday by the United  
3 States federal government to replace Columbus Day on the second Monday of  
4 October annually.

5 **SECTION 2.** A. "Indigenous Peoples' Day" shall be defined as an annually celebrated holiday  
6 that honors the resilience of Native Americans of the United States of America,  
7 along with their cultures and traditions, on the second Monday of October.

8 B. "Columbus Day" shall be defined as an annual federal holiday that  
9 commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas in 1492, on  
10 the second Monday of October.

11 C. "Federal Holidays" shall be defined as holidays officially recognized by the  
12 U.S. government, where most federal employees are given a day off with pay.

13 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of the Interior shall be responsible for enforcing the  
14 provisions of this bill.

15 B. The Department of Interior shall spread awareness of Indigenous Peoples'  
16 Day by issuing press releases and holding a public presidential signing.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Harry Xu  
Pine View 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 shall be placed in all operating rooms. All operations will be  
3 recorded except as provided in Section 2 of this bill.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Recording shall not be required if (1) delay of the operation would endanger a  
5 patient’s life or create a risk of significant mental or physical disability; (2)  
6 recording would significantly hinder teaching or other established missions of the  
7 hospital; or (3) the patient voluntarily waives the protections afforded by  
8 recording.

9 B. Hospitals shall be obligated to prevent loss, theft, leakage, manipulation, or  
10 damage of video information by (1) establishing an internal management plan and  
11 (2) separating storage devices and networks.

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

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

15 **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 Enhance Penalties for Hate Crimes in Colleges**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Penalties for hate crimes committed within the premises of colleges shall be  
3 strengthened as provided herein.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, a “hate crime” is defined as any criminal offense committed  
5 against a person, group, or property that is motivated, in whole or in part, by bias  
6 against race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or  
7 disability.

8 B. As used herein, “college” shall include any post-secondary educational  
9 institution, whether public or private, that offers degree programs or vocational  
10 training.

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

13 B. A person convicted of a hate crime shall face a potential imprisonment term of  
14 up to three months or the loss of their admission to the college in addition to  
15 penalties prescribed under existing law for the underlying criminal offense.

16 C. Each college shall submit an annual report to the Department of Education  
17 outlining the number and nature of reported hate crimes on campus, as well as the  
18 actions taken to address and prevent such incidents.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dishita Sarkar  
Newsome High School*



**A Bill to Restrict Spending on Athletic Departments**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All US state colleges must spend no more than \$200,000 on their budget for  
3 athletic departments.

4 **SECTION 2.** Colleges shall be defined as any higher education institution following secondary  
5 schooling.

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

8 B. Any college in violation of this bill will have their athletic department  
9 suspended until their budget falls within \$200,000.

10 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 5 years after passage.

11 **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 Suspend the Transfer of Military Supplies to Israel**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall suspend the flow of military supplies to Israel indefinitely.

3 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, “military supplies” shall be defined as all weapon systems,  
4 weapon platforms, vehicles, munitions, and any device that can be weaponized for  
5 military use.

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

8 B. Penalties may include fines, sanctions, or other punitive measures deemed  
9 appropriate by the Department of Defense and Department of State.

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,*

*Mahinur Mahi  
Hillsborough High School*

**A Bill to Label Nicotine as a Schedule II Drug**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Nicotine shall be classified as a Schedule II drug under the Controlled Substances  
3 Act.

4 **SECTION 2.** As employed, the term “Schedule II” refers to a drug or other substance which  
5 holds high capacity for abuse, has a presently accepted medical use in the United  
6 States, and whose use poses high risk for psychological or physical dependence.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) shall be responsible for enforcing the  
8 provisions of this bill.

9 B. Possession and or use of nicotine except for in medical and approved research  
10 purposes, when present in quantities greater than one milligram (excluding  
11 naturally occurring non-tobacco foods), shall incur mandatory monthly meetings  
12 with a trained medical professional over the span of six months. Failure to attend  
13 a meeting will result in a month’s extension and fines determined by the DEA.

14 C. Selling, cultivation, and production of tobacco and nicotine containing  
15 products mainly for their nicotine content, except for medical and approved  
16 research purposes, shall incur imprisonment not exceeding 5 years and a fine not  
17 exceeding \$50,000 for an individual or \$250,000 if not an individual.

18 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect one year after its passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*John Joura  
T.R. Robinson High School*

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment  
to Impose Term Limits on Members of Congress**

1 **WHEREAS**, United States Senators and Representatives are permitted to serve unlimited  
2 terms; and

3 **WHEREAS**, As a result, the legislative system has been abused by politicians who have taken  
4 control of a large portion of the government; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Imposing term limits would resolve this issue by counterbalancing incumbent  
6 advantages and allowing the Congress to turn over more often; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Imposing term limits would encourage Members of Congress to work more  
8 diligently and thoroughly, allowing a changing country to be run for the people  
9 rather than for power and authority; now, therefore, be it

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

15 ARTICLE --.

16 SECTION 1: United States Senators and Representatives shall not be permitted  
17 to serve more than three terms in the United States Congress.

18 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by  
19 appropriate legislation.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mariann Sofia Segura  
Carrollwood Day School*

**A Bill to Require a Parenting Course in High Schools**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All high schools receiving federal funding shall be required to offer a mandatory  
3 full-year parenting course for students in the ninth grade.

4 **SECTION 2.** The content of the parenting course shall include instruction in (1) CPR  
5 (cardiopulmonary resuscitation); (2) emotional, psychological, and social well-  
6 being in children; and (3) how to support and see neurodiversity in children.

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

9 B. The development and implementation of the parenting course shall be  
10 supported by \$100,000 taken from the budget of the Department of Defense.

11 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on July 30, 2025.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lorelei Perera*

*St. Petersburg Collegiate High School*

**A Bill to Increase Middle School Standards**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Schools receiving federal funding shall be required to increase learning standards  
3 in middle school English, mathematics, and science.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “learning standards” are concise written descriptions of  
5 educational objectives for a specific stage of education.

6 B. As used herein, “middle school” refers to grades 6, 7, and 8.

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

9 B. The Department shall condition federal education funding on raised standards  
10 and shall provide guidance, support, and resources to states to encourage the  
11 adoption of higher standards.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Sofia Mitrofanova  
Palm Harbor University High School*

**A Bill to Abolish Legacy Admissions in Higher Education**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education will investigate and prohibit the use of legacy  
3 admissions in higher education, both public and private.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “legacy admissions” shall be defined as giving preferential  
5 treatment to children of alumni and donors in the admissions process.

6 B. Applicants shall be admitted or denied admission into a university utilizing a  
7 merit-based approach that highlights achievements and individuality throughout  
8 candidates’ high school experience.

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

11 B. Consequences for noncompliance with this bill shall be a loss of public funding  
12 to public universities and a fine to private universities.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Charlize Buie  
Wharton High School*

**A Bill to Ban the Distribution of Red Dye 40**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The distribution and use of Red Dye 40 shall be banned in the United States.

3 **SECTION 2.** “Red Dye 40” shall be defined as the naphthalene sulfonic acid commonly  
4 known as Allura Red AC or FD&C Red no. 40 Aluminum Lake.

5 **SECTION 3.** A. The Food and Drug Administration shall be responsible for enforcing the  
6 provisions of this bill.

7 B. Failure to comply with this bill shall result in fines of no less than \$10,000.

8 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect December 31, 2024.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Christopher Keating  
Tampa Jesuit High School*