

A Bill to Legalize Physician Aided Suicide

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** Physician Aided Suicide will be legalized in the United States so that a capable
2. terminally ill adult may request a prescription for a lethal dose of medication.
3. **SECTION 2.** The term physician aided suicide refers to the prescription of a lethal dose of medication
4. at the request of a psychologically and emotionally stable patient with a terminal illness.
5. The term adult refers to an individual who is 18 years of age or older. The term capable
6. means, according to the opinions of at least two licensed psychologists or psychiatrists,
7. that the patient is able and willing to make sound decisions concerning their health, and is
8. able to communicate these decisions to health care providers using the available means.
9. The term terminally ill refers to a patient who has an incurable disease that will, within
10. reasonable medical judgment, lead to death within six months.
11. **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the
12. individual hospitals at which the request for physician-aided suicide is made.
13. In order for a patient to qualify for physician-aided suicide, the following requirements
14. must be met:
 15. A. Patient must be over 18 years of age.
 16. B. Patient must be deemed terminally ill by two separate physicians.
 17. C. Patient must be deemed capable by at least two separate psychologists and/or
 18. psychiatrists.
 19. D. Patient must initiate the request.
 20. E. Patient must submit a request for physician aided suicide in writing in the
 21. presence of two witnesses, one of whom may not be a family member, an
 22. oral request after a waiting period of two weeks with one witness, and a
 23. second written request after a waiting period of one week after the oral
 24. request with two witnesses, one of whom may not be a family member.
25. **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect 2 months after passage.
26. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Henry Clay High School

A Bill to Require That All Companies Publicize Their Efforts to Combat Human Trafficking

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All companies will be required by law to disclose information regarding their efforts to combat human trafficking in their annual report to the Security and Exchange Commissions (SEC).

SECTION 2: Human trafficking shall be defined as any illegal movement of people, which

includes, but is not limited to, forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation. A company shall

be defined as any organization listed on a National Stock Exchange, or one that is required to file

with the SEC.

SECTION 3: The Security and Exchange Commissions will require the information in company's annual report.

SECTION 4: This bill shall be enacted by the start of the 2018 fiscal year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Callie Freeman.

A BILL TO MAKE HIGHER EDUCATION AFFORDABLE

BE IT ENACTED BY STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1: The United States will completely subsidize higher education in a public institution for all U.S citizens whose yearly familial income is not sufficient for the student’s cost of attaining higher education.

Section 2: Students from families with limited incomes will be given the opportunity to obtain a 4-year Bachelor’s degree (or any lesser degree) at a public institution within their state without any required familial contribution. The student must maintain the minimum requirements or higher throughout their education to keep their scholarship. The qualifications for this will be different on a case by case basis.

Section 3: The cost of this legislation will be approximately 62.6 billion dollars. The costs of this bill will be offset by reducing spending in other departments.

Section 4: This bill will be controlled/handled by The US Department of Education.

Section 5: All other laws and/or passages of Congress that conflict with this bill will be considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

A Bill to Increase American Military Presence in the Philippines and Taiwan

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will increase naval and aerial military presence in the Pacific area by relocating aerial assets from Greenland and naval assets from Australia to the Philippines and Taiwan respectively by the year 2020.

SECTION 2. The relocation of assets will assert the United States' commitment to peace and economic stability in the Pacific region.

SECTION 3. The Department of Defense will oversee the transition of troops and resources.

SECTION 4. The Department of Defense will allow for appropriate spending.

SECTION 5. This legislation will go into effect at the beginning of the 2016 fiscal year.

SECTION 6. All other laws and/or passages of Congress that conflict with this bill will be considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. The United States will lift all parts of the commercial, economic, and financial embargo against Cuba.

SECTION 2. American businesses will no longer be limited in their conduction of business with Cuban entities. Special approval for travel to Cuba will no longer be necessary. Travel for tourism purposes is no longer prohibited, and special permission to use the ferry service between the United States and Cuba is no longer required.

SECTION 3. This bill will be enacted by the United States Office of Foreign Assets Control. The United States Chamber of Commerce will enforce this statute.

SECTION 4. The government will have no fiscal responsibility with the passage of this legislature.

SECTION 5. This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2018 year.

SECTION 6. All other laws and/or passages of Congress that conflict with this bill will be considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

A Bill to Require Drug Testing for All High School

Students

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All 9th through 12th grade students shall be required to test for illicit
2. drug usage a minimum of once a month.
3. **SECTION 2.** Illicit: not legally permitted or authorized; unlicensed; unlawful
4. Drug: a habit forming medicinal or illicit substance, esp. a narcotic.
5. **SECTION 3.** The individual Boards of Education will oversee enforcement of
6. & will send approved representatives to each school to administer
7. the drug test. They will then have the power to suspend and send to
8. counseling any student who fails or refuses to take the test.
9. **SECTION 4.** This will take effect at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.
10. **SECTION 5.** All laws that in conflict with this policy shall hereby be declared
11. null and void.

Introduced by Henry Clay High School

A Bill to Cease High Consumption of Trans Fats to Improve the Health of Americans

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The production of trans fats will decrease in the following substances: oil
2. and margarine. Restaurants and companies that use these are required to
3. reduce the grams per serving of trans fats to 0.5 grams.
4. **SECTION 2.** Oil: fatty matter
5. Margarine: a butter substitute made from vegetable oils or animal fats.
6. Trans Fats: an unsaturated fatty acid formed by the partial hydrogenation
7. of vegetable oil.
8. **SECTION 3.** The FDA will oversee enforcement of this bill to ensure all companies
9. and/or restaurants that do not comply with this bill will be fined \$500 per
10. violation.
11. **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented in 2018.
12. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby
13. declared null and void.

Introduced by Henry Clay High School

A Resolution to Establish a Higher Tax on Tobacco Products

1. **WHEREAS**, the United States government should seek new methods to reduce the
2. national deficit; and
3. **WHEREAS**, a higher tax on tobacco products would lower the amount of people
4. ingesting and inhaling harmful chemicals; and
5. **WHEREAS**, it would be beneficial to the economy by increasing the revenue made
6. from each purchase; and
7. **WHEREAS**, more than 480,000 people die from tobacco related illnesses; and
8. **WHEREAS**, more than 16 million people are affected by tobacco related illnesses in
9. the United States & these will inevitably decrease after the tax raise; and
10. **WHEREAS**, the amount of second hand smoke ingested by citizens will decrease; and
11. **WHEREAS**, the higher cost could motivate some people to quit, which will improve
12. public health; now, therefore, be it
13. **RESOLVED**, that the Student Congress here assembled make the recommendation
14. that the United States federal government should implement a Higher
15. tax on tobacco products.

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