

NATIONAL CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE

2016 FINAL ROUNDS LEGISLATION



The College for All Act of 2016

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Education shall award grants to States for the purpose of enabling the
3 States to eliminate tuition and required fees at public institutions of higher education.
4 Each State that receives a grant under this section shall provide matching funds for
5 a fiscal year in an amount that is equal to one-half the amount received under this
6 section for the fiscal year toward the cost of reducing the cost of attendance at public
7 institutions of higher education in the State.

8 **SECTION 2.** In order to be eligible to receive this grant, a State shall (1) ensure that public institutions
9 of higher education in the State maintain per-pupil expenditures on instruction at
10 levels that meet or exceed the expenditures for the previous fiscal year; (2) ensure
11 that tuition and required fees for in-State undergraduate students in the State's public
12 higher education system are eliminated; (3) provide an assurance that not later than 5
13 years after the date of enactment of this Act, not less than 75 percent of instruction at
14 public institutions of higher education in the State is provided by tenured or tenure-track
15 faculty.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the grant process. An amount of
17 \$47,000,000,000 shall be appropriated for these grants, to be raised through a .1%
18 transaction tax on stock and security transactions and transfers. An individual taxpayer
19 whose adjusted gross income does not exceed \$50,000 is eligible for a tax credit for the
20 amount of tax paid on covered transactions.

21 **SECTION 4.** Indicate the implementation date/timeframe.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from S. 1373, as introduced in the 114th Congress

The People Before Party Act of 2016

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 301(a)(6) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C. 21081(a)(6)) is
3 amended by striking the period at the end of the sentence and inserting “, except that
4 no state may provide a voter in a federal election with the opportunity for Straight-Party
5 Voting to indicate the selection of a political party as a representation of the selection of
6 an individual candidate.”

7 **SECTION 2.** Straight-Party Voting provides automatic voting for all candidates of a single party, rather
8 than choosing the individual candidates.

9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Election Assistance Commission will oversee the elections of federal
10 government officials and will create criteria for ensuring that no Straight-Party Voting
11 occurs in elections in which federal offices are contested.

12 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect by November 1, 2016.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 4679, as introduced in the 114th Congress

A Bill to Improve Access to Supportive Services for Families of Disabled Veterans

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall carry out a three-year pilot program with
3 community partners to provide intensive community care coordination and supportive
4 services to disabled veteran families.

5 **A.** The Secretary shall enter into partnership agreements with community partners
6 using a competitive and merit-based award process for individual grants and for
7 multi-service site grants to generate best practices.

8 **B.** Such services may include, but are not limited to, information in obtaining public
9 services, welfare services, marriage counseling, services for children, suicide
10 prevention, financial counseling, anger management, domestic violence awareness
11 and prevention, employment assistance, and child care.

12 **SECTION 2.** A “community partner” as stated in Section 1 is a private non-profit organization.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Veterans Affairs will oversee the implementation of this program. An
14 amount of \$2,500,000 will be appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for
15 each year of this pilot program. Not later than 180 days before the completion of the
16 pilot program, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Committee of Veterans’ Affairs
17 of each Chamber.

18 **SECTION 4.** The pilot program will begin no later than 180 days after passage.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 1843, as introduced in the 114th Congress

Safe Drinking Water Improved Compliance Awareness Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Section 1414(c) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g–3(c)) is amended to
3 include the following: Public water systems must notify their customers within 24
4 hours if lead concentration levels in drinking water exceed limits as provided for under
5 Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

6 **A.** The EPA must notify customers of excessive lead if the state or public water system
7 fails to notify the public within 24 hours of receiving notice from the EPA regarding
8 an occurrence.

9 **B.** The EPA will establish a strategic plan for how the EPA, the state, and the public
10 water systems will conduct targeted outreach, education, technical assistance, and
11 risk communication to populations affected by lead in a public water system.

12 **SECTION 2.** Community water systems' consumer confidence reports must contain a definition of
13 "action level" for lead and other contaminants.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Environmental Protection Agency will oversee enforcement of this legislation. If an
15 EPA employee receives or develops data indicating that drinking water contains a level of
16 lead that exceeds lead limits, the employee must forward that information to the public
17 water system.

18 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect upon passage.

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

Introduced by the National Speech & Debate Association; adapted from H.R. 4470, as introduced in the 114th Congress

The Youth Sports Concussion Act

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

2 **SECTION 1.** It is unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale, for interstate commerce, or import
3 into the United States any item or equipment intended, designed, or offered for use by
4 an individual engaged in any athletic sporting activity, whether professional or amateur,
5 for which the seller or importer makes any deceptive claim with respect to the safety
6 benefits of such item.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Federal Trade Commission shall work to determine the deceptiveness of claims with
8 respect to athletic equipment. The Commission will make all findings public.

9 **SECTION 3.** In any case in which the Attorney General of a State has reason to believe that the
10 residents of the state have been threatened or adversely affected by any person who
11 violates Section 1, the Attorney General of the State may bring a civil action in an
12 appropriate district court of the United States.

13 **A.** The Federal Trade Commission will assist the State Attorney General in such civil
14 action.

15 **SECTION 4.** This will take effect upon passage.

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

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