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## **A BILL TO INCREASE GUN CRIME PENALTIES**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States shall impose stricter penalties for crimes committed involving a portable firearm.

**SECTION 2.** Penalties for crimes are defined as monetary payment, prison sentences, and involuntary servitude applied after a trial.

**SECTION 3.** Portable firearms are defined as any semi-automatic or automatic weapon capable of being legally sold in the United States.

**SECTION 4.** Crimes as defined do not include non-threatening spontaneous brandishing of the weapon, self-defense uses, or carrying of a weapon in a “gun-free” zone.

**SECTION 5.** All monetary fines shall be multiplied by a factor of 2.

**SECTION 6.** All prison or involuntary service time shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.5

**SECTION 7.** Of the funds raised, 30% shall be sent to the NRA for the explicit purpose of administering firearms safety courses for firearm owners.

*Respectfully introduced for Congressional Debate by*

*Pelham Memorial High School*

## **A BILL TO END AID TO PAKISTAN**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1:** The United States will withdraw all humanitarian and military aid from Pakistan

**SECTION 2:** Aid will be restored when annual intelligence reports provided to Congress by the State Department determine that Pakistan has ceased support for terrorist groups.

**SECTION 3:** This act shall not apply with respect to assistance to ensure the security of nuclear weapons.

**SECTION 4:** USAID and the Department of State shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

**SECTION 4:** This legislation shall take effect on the date of enactment.

**SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this piece of legislation shall be declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Saint Joseph Hill Academy*

# A Bill to Repeal the Common Core State Standards Initiative

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1                   **SECTION 1.**    The practice of instituting common core standards in all  
2                   public elementary, middle, and high schools is hereby discontinued by  
3                   federal law.

4                   **SECTION 2.**    Public schools shall be defined as an institution that is  
5                   funded by state or local governments and educates grades from K-12. This  
6                   includes both traditional public schools and charter schools. Common Core  
7                   State Standards Initiative shall be defined as the detailed education  
8                   initiative that determines what students in grades K-12 should understand  
9                   in English Language Arts and Mathematics by the end of each grade.

10                  **SECTION 3.**    The United States Department of Education will oversee this  
11                  bill and will ensure that all districts have some form of curriculum  
12                  available.

13                  A.   Furthermore, the curriculum of school districts shall be used by all  
14                  schools in the district.

15                  B.   All curriculum must be approved by local departments.

**SECTION 4.**    This bill will be implemented in the next academic year of  
2018-2019.

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

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Michael Manta of Xavier High School.*

## A BILL TO ASSIST VETERANS

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

2 Article I: The sum of \$350,000,000 be hereby allocated for the next fiscal year to  
3 create and support programs and services to aid veterans.

4 Article II:

5 a. "Veterans" shall include all those separated from the armed services  
6 with an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable  
7 conditions.

8 b. "Programs and services" shall include:

9 i. Reintegration programs for homeless veterans.

10 ii. Referral and counseling services for veterans at risk of  
11 homelessness who are transitioning from medical,  
12 rehabilitation and penal institutions.

13 iii. Financial assistance for supportive services for very low  
14 income veteran families in permanent housing.

15 iv. A grant program for homeless veterans with special needs.

16 v. Treatment and rehabilitation for mentally ill homeless veterans.

17 vi. Housing assistance for homeless veterans

18 Article III: This legislation shall take effect immediately upon enactment.

19 Article IV: The implementation of this bill will be overseen by the Department of  
20 Veterans Affairs.

21 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Msgr. Farrell High School*

# **A Bill To Ban the Use of Private Military Contractors**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Beginning January 1st, 2020, the US Armed forces will be barred from the usage of Private Military Contractors (PMCs)

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Defense will be tasked with the execution and funding of this bill.

**SECTION 3.** This legislation will take immediately after passage.

**SECTION 4.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Stuyvesant High School*

**A Bill to Eliminate the State and Local Tax Deduction (SALT)**

BE IT ENACTED BY A STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The United States federal government will eliminate all federal tax deductions for state and local taxes.

**SECTION 2.** State and local taxes paid before the end of the fiscal year 2018 will remain tax deductible.

**SECTION 3.** The implementation of this bill will be carried out by the Internal Revenue Service.

**SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year 2019.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Aidan O’Gara  
Regis High School*





## A Bill to Institute a Public Health Care Option to Insure Health Equity

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall establish, and offer  
3 through the exchanges, a public health insurance option.

4 A. Section 11081 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (concerning the individual  
5 mandate) is hereby null and void.

6 **SECTION 2.** The public health insurance option shall be made available through the  
7 Exchanges, and shall comply with all requirements established under the  
8 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act applicable to health plans  
9 offered through the Exchanges.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will oversee the  
11 implementation of this legislation, and shall be granted the power to  
12 negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies.

13 A. The Department of Treasury will be responsible for allocating funds  
14 from the congressional discretionary budget at the Secretary's  
15 direction.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be implemented on January 1, 2020.

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

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19 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Michael Miller of The Bronx High School of*

20 *Science*

**A BILL TO PREVENT THE PANDEMIC DISEASES FROM ATTACKING THE YOUNG**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A. This bill shall mandate that all children under the age of 18, but over the age of 6  
3 months, annually receive the injectable flu vaccine unless given a medical exemption.

4 B. Congress shall create a new division of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) entitled  
5 “The Antimicrobial Resistance Task Force”. This task force shall be responsible for  
6 developing solutions to drug-resistant microbial threats.

7 **SECTION 2.** A. “Injectable flu vaccine” shall be defined as

8 B. “Medical exemption” shall be defined as a letter written by a primary care provider  
9 enumerated reasons for not adhering to the guidelines stated in Section 1A.

10 C. “Drug-resistant microbial threats” shall be include Clostridium Difficile (CDIFF),  
11 Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE), Neisseria gonorrhoeae, Multidrug-  
12 Resistant Acinetobacter, Drug-Resistant Campylobacter, Fluconazole-Resistant Candida,  
13 Extended Spectrum Enterobacteriaceae (ESBL), Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus  
14 (VRE), Multidrug-Resistant Non-Typhoidal Salmonella, Drug-Resistant Salmonella  
15 Serotype Typhi, Drug-Resistant Shigella, Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus  
16 (MRSA), Drug-Resistant Streptococcus Pneumoniae, Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis,  
17 Vancomycin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus, Erythromycin-Resistant Group A  
18 Streptococcus, Clindamycin-Resistant Group B Streptococcus.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services in coordination with the Department of  
20 Education will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.

21 A. To verify that all minors have received the flu vaccine, the Department of Education  
22 will oversee ensuring that students submit medical vaccine receipts to their  
23 respective schools.

24 B. Congress shall allocate \$10 billion to creating the “Antimicrobial Resistance Task  
25 Force” division within the CDC.

26 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect on June 1st of 2019.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Nathaniel Hylton  
Collegiate School*

A Resolution to Make the Old City of Jerusalem an International Territory  
While Acknowledging West Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel  
and East Jerusalem as the Capital of a Palestinian State

- Whereas, All three Abrahamic religions claim holy sites within the walls of Jerusalem's Old City; and
- Whereas, Israel claims Jerusalem as its capital; and
- Whereas, The Balfour Declaration was not fully implemented, leaving Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza as citizens of no nation at present with no sovereign powers of self-determination: now, therefore, be it
- Resolved, By this Congress that: the Old City of Jerusalem be made an international territory administered by the United Nations, with security and law enforcement provided by a U.N. Peacekeeping Force; and be it
- Further Resolved, That West Jerusalem be recognized as the capital of Israel and East Jerusalem the capital of a sovereign Palestinian state.

Introduced by Pleasantville High School

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## **A Bill to Reduce Exploitation by Restricting Payday Loan Companies**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Section 1. Restrictions will be placed upon payday loan companies in order to  
3 prevent predation on vulnerable civilians. The sum of total interest  
4 payments will not be allowed to exceed 1.5 times original loan amount;  
5 i.e. the final repayment cannot exceed 250% of the initial loan.

6 Additionally, if a client is unable to completely pay off their interest  
7 within 6 months of receiving a loan, and they have paid the amount of  
8 money that they originally borrowed, they will no longer be required to  
9 pay interest to the payday loan company.

10 Section 2. A. A payday loan company has individuals borrow a small amount at  
11 a very high rate of interest. The borrower typically writes a post-  
12 dated personal check in the amount they wish to borrow plus a fee  
13 in exchange for cash.

14 B. Interest refers to all charges payable by a borrower to a licensee as  
15 a condition to a loan, including fees.

16 Section 3. This legislation will be enforced by the Consumer Financial Protection  
17 Bureau.

18 Section 4. This act will be implemented immediately following the passage of this  
19 bill.

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

## **A Bill to Solve College Debt**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Section 1. A. A payment withholding system will be enacted in which college  
3 graduates will not have to make payments for their Federal Student  
4 Loans until they reach a salary equivalent of \$39,152, at which  
5 point they will be charged 4 percent of their total gross earnings.

6 B. The payments will increase gradually to a maximum of 8 percent  
7 for individuals making \$79,945 or more.

8 C. There will be no more subsidies on student loans.

9 Section 2. A. Federal Student Loans are loans made by the federal government  
10 that usually offer lower interest rates and have more flexible  
11 repayment options than loans from banks or other private sources.

12 B. Payment withholding is when students with student loan debts  
13 automatically have a certain amount taken from their check that is  
14 paid toward their loans.

15 C. Subsidies are a sum of money granted by the government or a  
16 public body to assist an industry or business so that the price of a  
17 commodity or service may remain low or competitive.

18 Section 3. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will oversee the implementation and  
19 maintenance of this legislation.

20 Section 4. This bill will come into action immediately after being passed.

21 Section 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

## **The Clean Water Act of 2018**

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

2 Section 1. A. \$400 billion will be invested to improving the nation's drinking  
3 water infrastructure.

4 B. Chromium 6 will be capped at 0.06 parts per billion.

5 Section 2. Drinking water infrastructure includes the physical components that  
6 comprise a water utility's source of supply, treatment, storage,  
7 transmission and distribution systems.

8 Section 3. The money will go to the Environmental Protection Agency to fund  
9 construction projects regarding drinking water and wastewater systems, as  
10 well as, enforcing the regulations for Chromium 6.

11 Section 4. The funding will be delivered within 3 months of the passage of this bill.

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

## **A Bill to Enact DACA and DAPA**

1 Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that:

2 Section 1. The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and the Deferred Action for  
3 Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents will be enacted  
4 into law. Persons who age out of DACA will be given the opportunity for  
5 permanent residence. The funding for this program, levied through a  
6 capping of tax deductions to 28 cents on the dollar for the top 3% of  
7 earners, will be used to modernize and improve the immigration process.  
8 Excess funding will be diverted back into the general reserve of tax  
9 revenue.

10 Section 2. The definition for "age out" shall be the same as specified in the existing  
11 policy as announced in 2012.

12 Section 3. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, along with the U.S.  
13 Immigration and Customs Agency and the Department of Homeland  
14 Security will provide enforcement. The approval of the funding increase  
15 will come from the Congressional Budget Office.

16 A. Modernization will include the subsidization of DACA and DAPA  
17 application fees and the expansion of immigration courts.

18 Section 4. This legislation will go into effect one month after the indicated process is  
19 completed.

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