

A BILL TO LOWER THE DRINKING AGE TO 18

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3 **SECTION 1:** The United States Federal Government will lower the minimum legal drinking age from 21 to
4 18.

5 **SECTION 2:** All alcoholic beverages currently legally available to 21 year olds, including but not limited to
6 beer, wine, and hard alcohol, will be available for purchase and consumption by citizens
7 starting at 18 years of age.

8 **SECTION 3:** This federal mandate will be enforced by state governments, including local police
9 departments.

10 **SECTION 4:** This bill will be enacted October 1st, 2018

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

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15 Respectfully Submitted,

16 Gresham High School

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BILL TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE TO SIXTEEN

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

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4 **SECTION 1.** The minimum age required to vote in a public election will be lowered from eighteen to
5 sixteen. The right of United States citizens, who are sixteen years of age or older, to vote
6 shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

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8 **SECTION 2.** The United States minimum age established to be eligible to vote in a public election will
9 be lowered to sixteen. The minimum voting age prior to this bill would be eighteen. No
10 citizen over the age of fifteen shall be denied the right to vote in a public election.

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12 **SECTION 3.** The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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14 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall be implemented two months after its passing, so as to insure stability.

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

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19 *Introduced by Hood River Valley High School.*

A BILL TO MAXIMIZE SUPPORT FOR ORGANIC FARMING

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3 **SECTION 1.** All federal financial incentives to support non-organic agriculture in the United States shall
4 hereby be eliminated.

5 **SECTION 2.** To be eligible for funds, farms must follow the guidelines of the United States Department
6 of Agriculture (USDA) for organic standards. The funds specified in Section 1 include but
7 are not limited to subsidies and government grant programs.

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9 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of agriculture will be responsible for enforcing the
10 provisions of this legislation.

11 A. Farms receiving funds from the United States government and found to be
12 noncompliant with the provisions of this legislation shall be ineligible to receive
13 funds for a period of five (5) years commencing with the beginning of the first United
14 States fiscal year following the infraction.

15 B. Each infraction will also trigger a penalty of 10% of gross farm revenues for the year in
16 which the infraction occurred or \$100,000, whichever is greater.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2017.

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

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20 *Introduced for Congressional Debate by Lincoln High School*

A BILL TO ELIMINATE FOOD WASTE TO REDUCE HUNGER

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3 **Section 1.** In an effort to decrease both waste and hunger at once, grocery stores are now
4 responsible for ensuring all perishable food products are either donated to charitable
5 organizations or used as animal feed.

6 **Section 2.** **A.** Charitable Organizations are defined as any organizations that center on nonprofit
7 and philanthropic goals as well as social well-being.

8 **B.** The grocery stores affected will be any establishment where one person owns more
9 than one retail business which sells perishable food products.

10 **Section 3.** The Food and Drug Administration will be responsible for enforcing this legislation. Any
11 business caught in violation will be given two months to create and institute a plan.

12 **Section 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2017.

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

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16 *Respectfully submitted,*

17 *Marshfield High School.*

A BILL TO ELIMINATE THE LUXURY TAX ON FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

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2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**

3 **Section 1.** All feminine hygiene products are to be exempt from the Luxury tax, whether it be
4 federal, state, or local.

5 **Section 2.** Feminine Hygiene Products: personal care products used by women during
6 menstruation, vaginal discharge, and other bodily functions related to the Vulva,
7 including but not limited to pads, tampons, and pantyliners.

8 Luxury tax: a tax placed on items considered to be nonessential

9 **Section 3.** The United States Federal Government would be responsible for the abolishment of the
10 current Luxury tax on any and all feminine hygiene products. The IRS would be
11 responsible for the oversight to make sure states follow through with the abolishment.

12 **Section 4.** This bill is to be enacted by June 1, 2016.

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

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16 Respectfully Submitted,

17 Oregon City

A BILL TO IMPLEMENT MEDICINAL APPLICATION OF COCAINE

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

3 **Section 1:** Benzoylmethylecgonine, commonly referred to as cocaine, will be reclassified from a
4 Schedule II substance (an addictive substance with no medicinal uses) to a Schedule III
5 substance (an addictive substance with accepted medicinal uses) in order to utilize its
6 confirmed medicinal properties.

7 **Section 2:** The United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will develop regulation standards that will
8 provide safe and consistent production methods for cocaine before it becomes available for
9 medicinal use.

10 **Section 3:** Doctors and pharmacists will be granted permission to prescribe and dispense cocaine to
11 patients whose conditions can be helped by medicinal cocaine usage. The Surgeon General
12 will provide a listing of all acceptable treatments using medical cocaine.

13 **Section 4:** The DEA will be tasked with strategically monitoring the distribution and prescription of
14 cocaine and will ensure that doctors and pharmacists are adhering to the rules the Surgeon
15 General has put forth. If at any point the DEA or Surgeon General believes that the regulation
16 or classification of medical cocaine should be altered, they will be granted the jurisdiction to
17 do so.

18 **Section 5:** Upon passage, this law will take effect immediately. However, distribution of cocaine will
19 remain illegal and punishable as a Schedule II offense until January 1, 2017 in order to allow
20 the DEA sufficient time to develop procedures for distribution and synthesis.

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22 **Section 6:** All laws and regulations in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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25 Introduced by South Albany High School

A BILL TO BAN BAILS THAT DEFENDANTS CANNOT PAY

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2 Be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that,

3 **Section 1:** This bill would limit the power of Judges to set bail above an affordable price for the
4 defendant for nonviolent offenders. An affordable price will be defined in later sections. Let
5 this bill be known as the Affordable Bail Act.

6 **Section 2:**

7 A) Definitions:

8 i. Bail is defined as “property or money given as surety that a person released from
9 custody will return at an appointed time.”¹

10 ii. Affordable will be defined as something that could be payed for by dividing half of
11 one day’s pay and multiplying that number by the amount of days worked in one pay
12 period.

13 a. In the case of unemployment, the defendant would be set at \$304 per month
14 (taking the average amount of unemployment given per week and multiplying
15 that by the average pay period.

16 iii. Nonviolent offenders are anybody accused of committing a crime which involves no
17 threat of harm or actual attack on a victim.

18 **Section 3.** This bill would be overseen by the Department of Justice, as well as the Attorney General.

19 **Section 4.** This bill will take effect on January 1, 2017.

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

21 Respectfully submitted,

22 Summit High School

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DIRECT COMBAT AGAINST ISIL

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2 WHEREAS the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) poses a clear threat to the stability of the Iraqi
3 and Syrian governments,

4 WHEREAS ISIL insurgents represent an obstacle towards humanitarian aid for Syrian refugees for fear of
5 mistakenly aiding potential terrorists,

6 WHEREAS United States airstrikes and support for the Iraqi government and Free Syrian Army have
7 proved ineffective towards halting ISIL expansion and action,

8 WHEREAS ISIL has recently reasserted itself as a global threat with attacks in Paris, Beirut, Baghdad, San
9 Bernardino, and Brussels, among other locations,

10 WHEREAS these insurgents pose a danger to the national security of the United States and to the safety
11 of its citizens,

12 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress approves and supports the determination of the
13 President, as Commander in Chief, to take all necessary measures to prevent any further
14 aggression by ISIL, within his limitations outlined in the War Powers Resolution of 1973;

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall expire when the President determines the peace and
16 security of the nation from ISIL is reasonably assured, or when terminated by
17 Congressional resolution.

18 Respectfully Submitted,

19 Westview High School

A BILL TO IMPLEMENT ASSUMED ORGAN DONATION TO INCREASE ORGAN DONATION

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2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASEMBLED THAT:

3 **Article 1:** All U.S. Citizens will initially hold organ donor status.

4 **Article 2:** Organ donors are those people who donate their organs after death to serve as transplants for

5 patients. These include but are not limited to kidney, heart, lung, and liver transplants.

6 Initially means that while the status can be changed, if action is not taken to the

7 contrary, or family opposition is not raised, they will be a donor.

8 **Article 3:** This law will be overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services.

9 A. Standards for acceptable organs will not change, nor will laws disqualifying certain people

10 from receiving donations, except in the case of a surplus of donated organs.

11 B. Administration and harvesting procedures will remain the same.

12 **Article 4:** This bill will come into effect 6 months after the bill is passed.

13 **Article 5:** All laws in conflict with this bill will hereby be declared null and void.

BRING TROOPS BACK HOME THAT ARE SUFFERING PTSD.

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2 WHEREAS, PTSD (Post stress disorder) is a type of anxiety disorder caused by a traumatic experience.

3 WHEREAS, PTSD can cause many to commit suicide, have dreams about their traumatic experience and

4 many also gain sleep disorders.

5 WHEREAS, 65,236 of soldiers were diagnosed with PTSD while deployment.

6 WHEREAS, while having these suicidal thoughts, and traumatic flashbacks they are being put back in to

7 the war.

8 WHEREAS, These soldiers are given anti-depressants but this medicine is not suited for all soldiers

9 WHEREAS, A U.S government study released in 2006 showed that not much fewer than

10 50% of people have side effects from anti-depressants) WHEREAS, These symptoms

11 include anxiety, insomnia, and restlessness.

12 WHEREAS, If a soldier were to take this medication, while in war it would make the PTSD stronger and it

13 would not solve the problem.

14 WHEREAS, Many of these soldiers have trouble finding another job other than the military after

15 experiencing PTSD.

16 WHEREAS, If these soldiers have no option but to join the military again, take medication that might not

17 work, and also have the PTSD worsen while in war congress must demand that these

18 troops are taken back to their home country.

19 RESOLVED: The United States Federal Government would bring all soldiers that suffer severe PTSD to

20 their homeland U.S.A. These soldiers would be given medical and financial help until

21 their PTSD has decreased to such a level that it is cured, when that is established the

22 soldier can either decide to choose a different job, or keep being in the military.