

COMMONWEALTH  
HOUSE

# **A Bill to Abolish the Federal Minimum Wage to Allow for more Job Opportunity**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The minimum wage as mandated by the federal government will hereby be abolished.

**SECTION 2.** The minimum wage shall be defined as the lowest wage an employer can legally pay an employee at an hourly rate.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Labor will be responsible for the execution of this bill.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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

# The Medical Act of 2018

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A free universal healthcare system (“Medicall”) shall be created.

3 **SECTION 2.** Free is defined as zero cost to consumers. Universal is defined as all U.S.  
4 citizens. Healthcare is defined as all emergency, essential, and routine  
5 healthcare needs, excluding cosmetic and non-prescribed procedures.

6 **SECTION 3.** Planning, funding, and implementation will be overseen by the  
7 Department of Health and Human Services.

8 A. Medicare and Medicaid will transform into the Medicall system with  
9 all funding remaining mandated, the elimination of the spending cap,  
10 and raised Medicall taxes to increase funding levels.

11 B. The federal government will pay costs incurred by private medical  
12 institutions while monitoring and systematically lowering them to  
13 ensure the most efficient investments. Pharmaceutical, medical  
14 supply, and other related medical industries will be required to  
15 reduce costs gradually with this plan or cease operations.

16 **SECTION 4.** By January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, HHS will have to have completed a detailed plan and  
17 procedure for implementation. No later than January, 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, all  
18 medical, financial, and technological infrastructure should be in place and  
19 implementation will begin.

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

21 *Introduced by Science Leadership Academy.*

**A BILL TO ALLOW FELONS TO  
VOTE AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THEIR SENTENCE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The government of the United States shall allow felons to vote in all states

3 following the completion of their sentence

4 **SECTION 2.** Felon shall be defined as a criminal convicted of any crime that is legally

5 considered to be a felony. Sentence shall be defined as the final explicit

6 act of a judge-ruled process, including imprisonment, parole, and any

7 other sentence delivered by a judge.

8 **SECTION 3.** The implementation of this legislation will be overseen by the Department

9 of Justice

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented immediately after passage

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Dallastown Area High School*



**A Resolution to Restrict the De Beers Diamond Cartel to Allow a Free Market:**

**Whereas,** De Beers is restricting the sale of diamonds, causing an artificial inflation of the diamond's price; and

**Whereas,** De Beers owns almost the entire global supply of diamonds, allowing them sell them for any price. This effectively scams the nation of its money; and

**Whereas,** This scamming results in economic distress and an unfair market; and

**Whereas,** Results in major laws against monopolies being broken therefore; be it,

**Resolved,** That restrictions should be placed on the De Beers Corporation in order break apart this monopoly and bring about a new state of fair pricing for this market.

*Introduced by Greensburg Salem High School*

## A BILL TO CHANGE ELECTION DAY

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

2 Article I: The United States government shall declare the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November as  
3 Election Day and make the day a Federal Day of Observance.

4 Article II: This legislation shall become law beginning with the first Presidential election  
5 year after passage of a supporting U.S. Constitutional amendment.

6 Article III: The Federal Election Commission shall oversee implementation of this legislation  
7 including the following changes to the election calendar:

8 A. All states shall have the power to permit early voting in the two weeks prior to  
9 "Election Day"

10 B. All absentee ballots must be due for return within five (5) calendar days of  
11 "Election Day" and be counted by November 30 to be valid.

12 Article V: All other laws in conflict with this new policy shall hereby declared null and void.

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*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lakeview High School*

## A Bill to Prohibit Gender Transitory Methods in Minors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- SECTION 1.** Any form of therapy or medical action associated with gender reassignment shall be prohibited in cases involving minors under eighteen years of age.
- SECTION 2.** Medical action associated with gender reassignment shall be defined as the following procedures: Hormone Replacement Therapy, Chest Reconstruction Surgery, Facial Feminization Surgery, and Sex Reassignment Surgery.
- SECTION 3.** Minors are permitted to seek psychological therapy, and minors who have been diagnosed with an intersex condition at birth may also be eligible for medical action should the need arise with consent from the minor's legal guardian(s) AND from a licensed medical professional. Both consents must be given before any minor may be eligible for medical action.
- SECTION 4.** The United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) shall oversee the implementation of this bill.
- A.** Any legal guardian who continues to provide medical action for a minor without exception shall be charged with felony child endangerment.
  - B.** Any practicing licensed medical professional who performs any of the operations listed above without exception shall be charged with sexual assault of a minor.
- SECTION 5.** This law shall become effective January 1, 2019
- SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Berlin Brothersvalley High School*



**A Bill to Make English the Official Language of the United States**

1 **WHEREAS:** The United States currently has no official language.

2 **WHEREAS:** The United States is made up of mostly English speaking citizens.

3 **WHEREAS:** Having an Official Language will decrease costs of production for all goods as other  
4 languages will no longer have to be printed on products.

5 **WHEREAS:** Learning English is an essential skill if one wishes to assimilate into the American culture.

6 **WHEREAS:** Learning rudimentary English skills will be required for citizenship.

7 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:**

8 English be made the official language of the United States

9 **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that:**

10 Official business be conducted in English and all official documents shall be written in English.

11 **LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLED that:**

12 In order to become a naturalized citizen, one will have to learn to speak English in at least a limited  
13 capacity

14 *Respectfully submitted,*

15 *Holy Redeemer High School*

**A BILL TO DECREASE THE FUNDING OF NASA**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The NASA, or National Aeronautics and Space Administration, program  
3 will be given a decreased amount of funding from the federal government.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of State will oversee the enforcement of this bill by  
5 limiting the amount of funding that NASA receives from the federal  
6 budget.

7 A. The NASA program will receive a ten billion dollar per year budget as  
8 opposed to their current ninety billion dollar budget.

9 B. The NASA program will not be able to receive any more funding than  
10 this and will only be permitted to employ 10,000 workers with a yearly  
11 salary of \$150,000 as opposed to the current 18,000 workers they employ.

12. **SECTION 3.** This Bill is to be implemented on August 1, 2018.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Deer Lakes High School*

A Resolution to Fund Bicycle-Sharing Subsidies

**WHEREAS**, only 25% of cities have subsidies that incentivize bicycle-sharing systems,

**WHEREAS**, the passage of this resolution will set aside funds to help cities subsidize bicycle-sharing systems.

**WHEREAS**, multiple studies have shown bicycle-sharing systems offer benefits to cities.

**RESOLVED**, that the Congress assembled here calls for the following recommendation of a solution, that subsidizing of bicycle-sharing systems will be implemented in cities.

Sincerely, Senator Campbell

GAR High School

Wilkes Barre, Pa 18702

## A Bill to Eliminate the Statute of Limitations on Sexual Assault

1. **Section 1:** Currently someone who commits sexual assault will not be able to have legal action taken against them if the time has passed the statute of limitations.
2. **Section 2:** Many victims need time before they feel able to come forward and take legal action.
3. **Section 3:** It would empower people to come forward and report sexual assault that may have occurred past the statute of limitations.
4. **Section 4:** This would give a message of zero tolerance in our society.
5. **Section 5:** More people would be convicted of the sexually violent crimes they committed.
6. **WHEREAS:** It holds people accountable for crimes they committed.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED,** The United States government should take a stand on this issue and eliminate the statute of limitations on sexual assault.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bethel Park High School

## **A Resolution to Encourage Public Schools to Reevaluate Homework Practices**

1     **WHEREAS**, it is assumed that the primary goal of homework is to aid in reinforcing  
2     subjects taught in any given school class.

3     **WHEREAS**, it is an unproven, apocryphal misconception that if a teacher requires his or  
4     her students to complete greater amounts of homework on a certain subject, then the  
5     students will have a greater knowledge and education concerning that subject.

6     **WHEREAS**, according to the Center for Public Education, it is also unproven that  
7     homework does any of the following: increases academic achievement, creates  
8     internationally competitive student scores, and is undesirable to only those who “want to  
9     weaken curriculum and pander to students’ laziness.”

10    **WHEREAS**, there are verified studies that overwhelming amounts of homework can  
11    lead to sleep deprivation, anxiety, headaches, exhaustion, and poor eating habits among  
12    other items.

13    **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Education’s mission statement is, as stated on the  
14    Department’s official website, “...to promote student achievement and preparation for  
15    global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.”

16    **WHEREAS**, according to the National Parent Teacher Association, it is recommended  
17    that the time set aside for homework should be about 10-20 minutes each night for a first-  
18    grade student, and then an additional 10 minutes for each ascending grade level until  
19    twelfth grade (e.g., 20-30 minutes for a second-grader, 30-40 minutes for a third-grader,  
20    etc.).

21    **THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Congress here assembled that American public  
22    schools should reevaluate their current homework practices and seek to adopt homework  
23    methods that are of greater benefit to the students.

*Respectfully submitted by Craig Wolfley Jr. from Lakeview Christian Academy*

A Resolution to Provide Day Care Services for Students With Children

1. WHEREAS: Only 40 percent of high school teen mothers finish high
2. school; and
3. WHEREAS: In 2014, a total of 249,078 babies were born to high school
4. women aged 15 – 19 years, for a birth rate of 24.2 per
5. 1,000 women in this age group; and
6. WHEREAS: Many of those teen mothers drop out of high school
7. because they are not able to attend school and watch their
8. child simultaneously; and
9. WHEREAS: Education is vital for high school teens and should be a
10. priority to high schools across the nation; now,
11. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Student Congress here assembled
12. that high schools across the country provide
13. day care services for students with children.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pine-Richland High School

# A BILL TO PRECLUDE OIL DRILLING IN THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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

2 **Section 1** The National Park Service may forbid any extraction, or preparation for  
3 extraction of, petroleum oil from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in a manner  
4 which is determined to be harmful to the environment by the National Park  
5 Service, the National Wildlife Service, or this Congress at a later date.

6 **Section 2** The “Arctic National Wildlife Refuge” shall be defined in accordance with  
7 “Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act,” Title II, and shall include all  
8 public lands defined in this legislation.

9 **Section 3** Penalties for violations of this act shall be as stated in the Alaska National Interest  
10 Lands Conservation Act of 1980, and the federal Justice Department shall have  
11 full authority to prosecute any entities that it deems to be in conflict with this legislation.

12 **Section 4** In order for this Congress to determine that a specific action harms the environment  
13 of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, its conviction must be expressed as a  
14 resolution.

15 **Section 5** This legislation would have the effect of law immediately upon approval.

16 **Section 6** All legislation in conflict with this legislation is hereby null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Bald Eagle Area High School*

## **A Resolution to require students not enrolled in traditional Public Schools to take the Keystone and PSSA Exams.**

1 **WHEREAS**, Students enrolled in traditional public schools have their academic progress  
2 and achievement measured through standardized and universal means like the Keystone  
3 and PSSA exams; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Not all students are enrolled in traditional public schools with many  
5 students being homeschooled, attending private schools, or attending religious schools, and  
6 so, they are not guaranteed to have their progress and achievement tested through universal  
7 means; and

8 **WHEREAS**, The schools of the commonwealth are often compared through those  
9 standardized test results; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Businesses and families often choose to locate themselves in areas with  
11 identifiably excellent schools; now,

12 Therefore be it

13 **RESOLVED**, by the Student Congress here assembled that all students not enrolled in  
14 traditional public schools take the Keystone and PSSA exams or the successors of those  
15 tests as all students in traditional public schools currently do.

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17 *Respectfully submitted,*

18 *Fox Chapel Area High School*



## **A Bill to Train, Buy-back, and Eliminate Hi-cap (TBEH)**

1. SECTION 1: Definitions

2. “High-capacity magazine” shall be defined as any gun magazine capable of containing

3. more than 15 rounds of ammunition.

4. “Bump stock” shall be defined as a device capable of modifying a semi-automatic

5. weapon to mimic the firing rate of an automatic weapon.

6. “Firearm vendor” shall be defined as one who sells firearms.

7. “National Instant Criminal Background Check System” is hereafter abbreviated “NCBC.”

8. “Firearms” are weapons utilizing an ignited propellant to move a projectile through a

9. tube, and any associated accessories such as sights, slings, and magazines.

10. SECTION 2: Legislation

11. A. The federal government shall institute a firearm buy-back program for individuals.

12. (i) All citizens who wish to participate must go to a federal- or state-licensed vendor.

13. (ii) The individual shall be paid by the federal government at a mutually-agreed upon

14. valuation determined by the gun’s owner, the federal government, and the vendor, acting

15. as a third-party valuator.

16. B. (i) All firearm vendors selling a registered firearm must conduct a background check

17. of the purchaser. Failure to do so shall result in a \$500,000 fine per transaction.

18. (ii) A secure access portal shall be designed for gun-show and individual firearm

19. vendors to facilitate access to the NCBC.

20. C. All individuals who purchase a firearm at a licensed vendor are required to attend a

21. certified firearm safety and operation course; enrollment to be half-federally-subsidized.

22. D. The sale of bump stocks and high-capacity magazines is henceforth illegal.

23. SECTION 3: Enactment

24. A. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives shall be tasked with

25. enforcing all provisions except Section 2Bii, and is allocated 2 million dollars for

26. the current fiscal year to do so.

27. B. The FBI shall be tasked with enforcing section 2Bii, and given \$200,000 to do so.

28. C This legislation shall go into effect 6 months from passage.

29. D. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Upper St. Clair*

**A BILL TO SANCTION MYANMAR TO  
MITIGATE VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ROHINGYA PEOPLE**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This legislation shall impose economic and military sanctions on  
3 Myanmar.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Economic sanctions” shall be defined as a suspension of the  
5 importation and exportation of consumer products to and from Myanmar.

6 B. “Military sanctions” shall be defined as a suspension on the transfer of  
7 all military aid to Myanmar.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of State shall be charged with the implementation and  
9 enforcement of these sanctions. The Department of State shall submit a  
10 recommendation to Congress for the removal of the sanctions when the  
11 following two conditions have been met:

12 A. The Burmese government grants citizenship to the Rohingya minority;  
13 and

14 B. The Burmese government proposes a pant to mitigate future violence  
15 against the Rohingya people.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Rep. Luke Tyson  
Sewickley Academy*