

STATE HOUSE

A Resolution To Implement Current Event Classes In American Curriculum

WHEREAS, The average American is under-educated in the realm of most current domestic and global events; and

WHEREAS, According to Florida Today, most young Americans could not name Joe Biden as Vice President when he was in office, much less the leader of a foreign country; and

WHEREAS, Many public elementary, middle, and high schools in America do not offer a class on current domestic or world events; and

WHEREAS, Many other countries' youth are generally more informed of world events as they happen, nonetheless events that occur in their own nations; and WHEREAS, This course would provide an easy way for American students to get informed about global and domestic events and issues; and

WHEREAS This course would be in an online, traditional, and/or flipped classroom setting and include a standardized lesson plan that shall be expanded to include domestic and world events and crises as they happen.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled formally recommend to the state governments the implementation of current domestic and world events classes into the curriculum of all public schools as an online, traditional and/or flipped course(s) lasting at least one semester per school year.

Respectfully submitted by

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School

A RESOLUTION TO RAISE READING SCORES

1 Whereas, reading deficiencies can negatively impact a student's ability to
2 learn in all academic subjects, and
3 Whereas, it is easier to improve the reading ability of a student before that
4 student reaches the junior high level, and
5 Whereas, remediating reading deficiencies becomes even more difficult at the
6 high school level, therefore
7 BE IT RESOLVED that any student in grades 3 - 8, who attends a school in
8 the U.S. which receives any federal subsidies, and who is reading at a
9 level one (1) to two (2) years below grade level, must participate in 120 hours of
10 summer reading enrichment.
11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any student in grades 3 - 8, who attends a
12 school in the U.S. which receives any federal subsidies, and who is
13 reading at a level three (3) or more years below grade level, must participate in
14 180 hours of summer reading enrichment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Quigley Catholic High School

A Bill to Give Back Power to the States

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS

1 HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A. Cannabis will be removed from the Drug Enforcement
Agency's

3 Controlled Substances list and states will be given the power to regulate
4 the distribution and sale of cannabis to persons within their borders.

5 B. \$400 million dollars will be allocated towards research into cannabis
6 and its effect on the body as well as its medical uses.

7 **SECTION 2.** Cannabis, also known as marijuana, shall be defined as a
psychotropic

8 drug derived from leaves of the cannabis plant.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, as well as the Department of Health and
10 Human Services, shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This legislation goes into effect on June 01, 2018.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Pittsburgh Central Catholic.

A Bill to Outlaw Safe Spaces on College Campuses to Protect and Uphold the 1st Amendment to the Constitution

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

Article I: Safe Spaces within the campus of any American collegiate educational institution will be dissolved and permanently banned from use. Colleges will protect the 1st Amendment rights of all students anywhere on the grounds of the institution.

Article II: Safe Space is defined as any area where any type of free speech is banned. This may include, but is not limited to, hate speech. An American educational institution is defined as any private or public collegiate institution.

Article III: The US Department of Education will oversee the enforcement of this bill.

- A. Any public institution in violation of this bill will lose all Federal funding.
- B. Any private institution found in violation of this bill will lose all federal funding as well as its status as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

***A 501(c)(3) organization is a corporation, trust, unincorporated association, or other type of organization that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code. It is the most common type of the 29 types of 501(c) nonprofit organizations in the United States.**

Article IV: This bill will take effect January 1st, 2019

Article V: All Laws in conflict with this legislation will be eliminated as this bill takes effect.

A Bill to Provide Paid Parental Leave

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. States must require paid parental leave to all parents for up to 24 weeks.

SECTION 2. A. Parental leave generally includes maternity, paternity, and adoption leave
and is the time given to care for newborns or young children.”

B. Paid family leave tends to lead to a higher employee retention rate and
higher incomes for families.

SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of Labor will oversee the implement of this bill. Any
employer that does not comply will be fined \$1,000 per day per
employee they refuse paid leave.

SECTION 4. The law will be effective on January 1st, 2019.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Towanda Jr./Sr. High School.

A Bill to Create a Negative Income Tax

BE IT ENACTED by the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled that:

1. **Section 1:** A Negative Income Tax (NIT) be created in the state of Pennsylvania.
2. This act shall be known and cited as the NIT Act.
3. **Section 2: Definitions**
4. Income Tax- tax levied by a government directly on income, especially an annual
5. tax on personal income
6. Tax exemption- a monetary exemption which reduces taxable income
7. Subsidy Rate- government spending through a tax code
8. Negative Income Tax- a progressive income tax system where people earning
9. below a certain amount receive supplemental pay from the government instead
10. of paying taxes to the government.
11. **Section 3:** The Negative Income Tax will be dependent on the minimum wage.
12. If a person makes below the state minimum wage, they will be a recipient
13. of the Negative Income Tax.
14. A person earning \$0 to would receive \$15,000 from the government.
15. A person earning \$15,001 to \$25,000 would receive \$2,500 from the government.
16. A person earning \$25,001 to \$35,000 would neither receive any money nor pay taxes.
17. A person earning \$35,001 to \$50,000 would pay a tax of \$10,000.
18. A person earning \$50,001 to \$75,000 would pay a tax of \$20,000.
19. A person earning \$75,001 to \$99,999 would pay a tax of \$30,000
20. A person earning \$100,000 or more would pay a tax of \$35,000.
21. **Section 4:** Any necessary funding for this legislation will be provided by the Pennsylvania
22. Department of Revenue.
23. **Section 5:** This bill will go into effect four (4) years following passage.

Respectfully Submitted,
Somerset High School

A Resolution to Sanction Saudi Arabia to protect the Yemeni People

1 **WHEREAS,** Saudi Arabia launched a military intervention in 2015 in
2 order to influence the outcome of the Yemeni Civil War; and
3 **WHEREAS,** the intervention initially consisted of a bombing campaign
4 on Houthi Rebels and later saw a naval blockade and the deployment of
5 ground forces into Yemen; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Since then, the UN has stated that 10,000 civilians have
7 been killed and 40,000 have been wounded, with an additional 7 million
8 children facing famine;and
9 **WHEREAS,** The United States has always been a supporter of human
10 rights around the globe, regardless of which side they are aligned to; now,
11 therefore, be it
12 **RESOLVED,** That the PHSSL State Student Congress here assembled
13 make the push for placing military and economic sanctions on Saudi
14 Arabia;and, be it
15 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the PHSSL State Student Congress here
16 assembled make the push for dissolving these sanctions once Saudi Arabia
 ends intervention in Yemen, and the Yemeni people recover from their war
 induced famine.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zain M. Masri,

McDowell High School

A Resolution to Require Parental Aptitude Testing for United States Adults

1 WHEREAS: Parental aptitude tests shall be administered to all U.S. adults aiming to have children. Only those with

2 passing scores shall be legally allowed to have children.

3 WHEREAS: Children born to parents who have not taken and passed parental aptitude tests shall be considered illegal and 4 seized by Child Protective Services.

5 WHEREAS: For parents who desire multiple children, the test should only be re-administered if the parents would still

6 like to have more children after the firstborn child reaches legal adulthood.

7 WHEREAS: Those who take and pass the parental aptitude test before having children will be eligible for federal aid in

8 the form of financial support, financial stipends, tax breaks and welfare.

9 WHEREAS: Test taking procedure should require each adult to take the test individually. For couples desiring children,

10 both partners must pass in order to have legal children.

11 RESOLVED, Parental aptitude tests will be the deciding factor as to whether or not adults in the United States may

12 legally have children.

Respectfully submitted,

West Allegheny Senior High School

HOME IS WHERE OUR HISTORY IS

1. Whereas: The purpose of the governmental standards for education is to create a well-rounded
2. education for its students, and
3. Whereas: The United States prides itself on its rich historical heritage, and
4. Whereas: Local historical buildings and locations keep losing significance and financial support
5. due to population shifts as well expensive maintenance costs, and
6. Whereas: American school children should know the significance of history in their own communities, and
7. Whereas: PA state standard - 8.2.9.A - specifically states,“Contrast the role groups and
8. individuals from Pennsylvania played in the **social, political**, cultural, and **economic**
9. development of the U.S.
10. Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Pennsylvania High School Speech League Student
11. Congress assembled that Pennsylvania educational standards include a mandated study and visit
12. (actual or virtual) to a local historical site each school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Trinity High School

District #4

A Bill To Protect Free Speech on College Campuses

1 **Section 1:** All US Colleges and Universities that accept Federal funding, or
2 accept Federally Backed Student Loans are hereby required to protect the free
3 expression of their students and develop policies to guarantee that
4 Constitutionally protected speech by students, faculty or invited guests are
5 secure.

6 **Section 2:** Educational Institutions may only restrict speech in times, places or
7 manners as prescribed by law and must do so equally in regard to content.

8 **Section 3:** Educational Institutions are required to discipline students, faculty or
9 staff that hinder free expression of individuals or groups on Campuses.

10 **Section 4:** Educational Institutions that fail to follow these directives above risk,
11 loss of a portion of their federal funding to be determined by the courts or may be
12 required to reimburse students the full cost of their tuition, if courts find that their
13 rights have been violated.

Faithfully Submitted,
Shikellamy High School

A BILL TO CLOSE THE CARRIED INTEREST LOOPHOLE

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

2 **SECTION 1.** HR. 1: The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act shall hereby be amended so that carried
3 interest is subject to the federal personal income tax, not the capital gains
4 tax.

5 **SECTION 2.** Capital Gains is defined as “a share of any profits that the general partners
6 of private equity and hedge funds receive as compensation, regardless of
7 whether or not they contributed any initial funds.”

8 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service shall oversee the enforcement of this
9 legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect beginning in the fiscal year 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Unionville High School

A Bill to Fund GMO and Environmental Research

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. SECTION 1. Research on Genetically Modified Organisms with the intent to help the
2. environment will be encouraged by means of research funding. These such means shall
3. be set aside by the EPA from the Federal Grant Fund. The EPA will oversee any research
4. requesting funding and determine the relevance and money allotment as needed. The
5. research must be with the intent of creating GMOs that produce more oxygen and
6. consume more carbon dioxide. Researchers will be allowed to request money under the
7. supervision of the EPA.
8. SECTION 2. Genetically Modified Organisms will be defined as any organism that has
9. had a modification or change to its genetic code.
10. SECTION 3. The EPA will oversee this legislation and enforce it. Any researcher
11. requesting or receiving funds must submit all research to the EPA. If the EPA finds that
12. any money taken for research is misused or the research done is found to be irrelevant, all
13. money will be returned to the EPA and no further funding may be received.
14. SECTION 4. To be implemented January 1st two years after passage.
15. SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted,

Knoch High School

**A RESOLUTION TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO
REDUCE POVERTY**

1 Whereas: Minimum wage is not enough to sustain a single person in the United States even
2 with this year's increase to \$10.35/hour; and
3 Whereas: the cost of living according to Social Security Administration rises 2-3% per year;
4 and
5 Whereas: a consistent increase per year based on that rate would keep individuals above the
6 poverty level.
7 Therefore, be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that minimum wage be
8 raised each year on January 1 based on the government calculated cost of living
9 percentage increase it uses with Social Security benefits.

Respectfully submitted,

*Hailee Moks
Iroquois High School*

**A resolution to implement the Harlem Children's Zone Project
in all cities in Pennsylvania**

Respectfully submitted by North Allegheny

1 Whereas since the days of segregation, the government's attempts at fixing the education
2 system to create near-equal educations for wealthy and poor students has failed because of
3 poor implementation

4 Whereas students in suburban and city schools get different educations because of many
5 factors, but more often than not, a child's home life can directly determine his / her success in
6 education. The Harlem Children's Zone Project works to directly impact families and the
7 upbringing / home life of children.

8 Whereas the Harlem Children's Zone Project is currently a system that is working in Harlem,
9 and other cities should emulate on a larger scale. Obama started Promise Zones in a few
10 cities, but even these need to be expanded.

11 Whereas the cost of this is too much for most cities to handle, but if it can break part of the
12 cycle of poverty that currently impacts too many Americans, the system would end up paying
13 for itself in the long run as children who graduate out of the Harlem Project do not rely on
14 public funds as much as their parents did / do.

15 Whereas in order for this plan to work, children need to be involved from grade school all the
16 way to college, and parents must be mandated to attend the classes in order for their children
17 to be a part of the program. Students have longer school days. The school works to find
18 mandatory extracurricular activities. The students learn life skills as well as take academic
19 classes aimed at improving their adult lives.

20 Therefore, be it enacted by the PHSSLStudent Congress here assembled that a version of the
21 Harlem Project be implemented in all cities in Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

North Allegheny

A Resolution to Ban Chocolate from certain countries

Submitted by Mercer High School

1 Whereas millions of child slaves are being forced to produce up to 75% of the world's
2 cocoa beans that are grown in West Africa.

3 Whereas there is an estimated 2.1 million children working in the fields and most are
4 victims of trafficking and slavery, and;

5 Whereas major chocolate producers, such as Hershey, Nestle and Mars, need to be
6 stopped; as the children who work for the suppliers to these major chocolate / candy
7 companies are being forced to engage in hazardous work, including working with sharp
8 tools, agricultural chemicals, and carrying heavy loads; and

9 Whereas if we continue to allow cocoa producers to force these children, from ages 5 to
10 11, to work in these dangerous conditions, the issue will only continue to be forgotten
11 and eventually considered normal;

12 Therefore, be it resolved by the Congress here assembled that the US ban the import of
13 any cocoa beans, powder, or other cocoa product from African countries that continue
14 to utilize child labor in the production of cocoa; and

15 Be it further resolved, that the United States will restrict the sale of all commercial
16 chocolate candies, cocoa drinks, and all products made with cocoa produced from child
17 labor.

Government Provided Flu Shots for All Students

1. Be enacted by this Congress that:
2. Section 1: Since it is widely believed that vaccinations and specifically the flu vaccination are beneficial to help ensure better health specifically among children, the Federal Government will make available, free of charge, flu shots to any student only in the United States.
3. Section 2: Student is defined as a public school student in grades K-12.
Free of Charge: is defined as being paid for by the Federal Government as a block grant to the states.
4. Section 3: The Department of Education along with the Department of HHS (Health and Human Services) will manage this program. Their departments will also need to provide oversight to prevent corruption or theft. \$250 million shall be allocated from DOE budget.
5. Section 4: This act should be implemented within 90 days of becoming a law.
6. Section 5: All of the laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall be null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Notre Dame High School

A Resolution to Implement a National Green Bank to Fight Climate Change

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WHEREAS, There has been major underinvesting into green investments.

WHEREAS, The private sector needs to make bold investments or we will see the detrimental effects of climate change.

WHEREAS, The impact of climate change will hurt stability around the world; and

WHEREAS, A Green Bank's goal would distribute Treasury Bonds to be used for green projects to lower emissions.

RESOLVED, That the Student Congress here assembled make the following resolution to recommend the issuance of \$10 billion in bonds to the private sector to expand investments in: solar, wind, and clean infrastructure projects.

FURTHER RESOLVED, The senate should pass strict standards on the qualification of each board member of the Green Bank. The president and his cabinet should work with the board to fund projects that would help tackle climate change.