

1 Bill to Lower the Drinking Age in West Virginia

1 Be It Enacted by the Student Congress Assembled That:

2 Section 1: The drinking age for West Virginia shall be lowered in all areas.

4 Section 2: The age shall essentially be lowered from the age 21 to the age 18.

5 Section 3: Adults are forced to do so many things, so they deserve the right to go
6 out and consume alcohol.

7 Section 4: By lowering the drinking age, West Virginia will be able to
8 make more money on the taxation of alcohol.

9 Section 5: This bill shall be enforced by the West Virginia Alcohol Beverage
10 Control Administration.

11 Section 6: Starting in 2013, the drinking age shall be lowered to 18.

12 Section 7: Any current legislation in conflict with this bill shall be hereby
13 considered null and void.

Respectfully Submitted:

Emily Anderson

Wheeling Park High School

3 A Resolution Concerning Hawaiian Independence

1 **Whereas**, Hawaii was and still is the only state that was a preexisting, recognized nation for an
2 extended period of time prior to annexation, and
3 **Whereas**, Hawaiians and their rulers were gradually forced to give up their sovereign rights and
4 national identity through a series of violent coups staged by white non-citizens through
5 out the 19th century, and
6 **Whereas**, the sovereignty of the native Hawaiians was unfairly usurped by a Group of powerful
7 American business men who had immigrated to the nation in the nineteenth century
8 including Sanford Dole, and
9 **Whereas**, the United States was compelled to unwillingly annex Hawaii under the pressure of an
10 unlawful provisional government led by Sanford Dole and other American business men,
11 and
12 **Whereas**, Native Hawaiians have continually expressed a desire to regain their independence,
13 and
14 **Whereas**, these Native Hawaiians continue to view the descendants and relations of the
15 deposed King David Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani as their rightful leaders, and
16 **Whereas**, the nation would become a stable political, social and economic ally which the
17 United States desperately needs, and
18 **Whereas**, granting independence would be seen as a gesture of goodwill and hope to other
19 nations and cultures that have been surpassed, and
20 **Whereas**, the traditional Polynesian culture is slowly disappearing and being corrupted by the
21 tourism and culture of the US, and
22 **Whereas**, The destruction of culture leads to the deterioration of society and morals,
23 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Student Congress here assembled that Hawaii be named a sovereign
24 nation and be granted all rights and privileges thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

Bethel Park High School

4 A Bill to Create an Economic Panel in the Endangered Species Act

Be it enacted the Student Congress here assembled:

- 1. Section I. A panel of nine (9) economic advisors shall be created within the**
- 2. Endangered Species Act.**
- 3. Section II. When a species is listed through the Endangered Species Act**
- 4. this panel will decide which third (1/3) of that species habitat is**
- 5. most vital to the creation of jobs. That third (1/3) of that species**
- 6. habitat will not be protected by the Endangered Species Act.**
- 7. Section III. The members of this panel shall be selected by the Secretary of**
- 8. the Department of Interior.**
- 9. Section IV. This bill will come into effect 6 months after the date of its**
- 10. passage.**
- 11. Section V. This bill will be enforced by the Environmental Protection**
- 12. Agency.**
- 13. Section VI. All laws in conflict with this bill shall be declared null and**
- 14. void.**

Respectfully submitted

Jason Field

Lake-Lehman High School

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A Bill to Lift the Ban on Blood Donations from Homosexual Men

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS ASSEMBLED HERE THAT:
2. SECTION 1: The FDA's ban on MSM/homosexual donors of 1983 is to be annulled.
3. SECTION 2: With passage of this legislation, MSM/homosexual donors who were previously permanently deferred are now eligible to donate blood.
4. SECTION 3: Homosexuals who are identified as and meet qualifications of an active MSM donor are given a deferral period of one year before they can donate for safety precautions.
5. SECTION 4: This legislation will be overseen by the U.S. Food and Drug Association and implemented on all organizations associated with America's Blood Centers.
6. SECTION 5: This legislation is to take effect immediately after passage.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Biega

Wheeling Park High School

6 A Resolution Concerning Welfare

1 WHEREAS: The U.S. federal government spends \$431.5billion, about 11%,

2 on welfare.

3 WHEREAS: This is taxpayer money going to those who already do not pay
4 any income taxes.

5 WHEREAS: These recipients are unemployed and therefore are not
6 contributing to society.

7 WHEREAS: Requiring recipients to do some sort of work for their tax payer
8 checks would be fair and reasonable.

9 WHEREAS: It is understood that transportation and childcare would need to
10 be addressed.

11 WHEREAS: Providing childcare and transportation can add more to the
12 national employment.

13 WHEREAS: Childcare can allow children of recipients to be exposed in
14 Safer, more controlled environments

15 WHEREAS: It is understood that these changes would not include those
16 who are not mentally or physically able to work.

17 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Congress that welfare
18 policies are to be modified requiring recipients, who are
19 mentally and physically able, to take part in services deemed fit
20 by the government.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESSOLVED that transportation and childcare be
22 provided and that caretakers and childcare locations are to be
23 carefully selected.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESSOLVED that burros pertaining to welfare will be
25 responsible for assigning services and tasks as well as childcare
26 and transport

Respectfully Submitted,

West Allegheny Senior High School

7 A Bill Regarding The International Criminal Court

1. **Whereas** the United Nations has established itself as a world body and
2. **Whereas** the United States should remain a leader in bringing justice to the world and
3. **Whereas** the United States' refusal to join the International Criminal Court hurts its
4. standing in the world and
5. **Whereas** it is hypocritical for the United States to condemn the war crimes of other world
- 6 powers while the United States refuses to submit to the same justice system.
7. Therefore be it resolved that the United States shall join the International
8. Criminal Court by December 31, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

State College Area High School

8 Bill Concerning Keystone Pipeline¹. Be it enacted by Student Congress here that:

2. Section 1: The keystone pipeline, which would travel from the
3. Gulf of Mexico to Canada, and create 20,000 jobs for Americans,
4. who's decision lies with the President of the United States shall
5. Now lie with a committee comprised of members of the House
6. and Senate and the Department of Energy.
7. Section 2: If this bill is put into effect the Department of Energy

8. And Department of Labor will enforce all laws that coincide with this bill

9. Section 3: All other pipelines that follow after if this bill is passed

10. shall be debated upon in both houses and the decision made in

11. the committee formed.

12. Section 3: This pipeline and all following pipelines will be funded 13. by the U.S. 13
Department of Energy, which would spend 13 billion

13. dollars on this pipeline, and is well within its budget limit of 27 billion dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Velazquez, Wheeling Park High School

9 A Bill to Abolish the Department of Education

1 Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled:

2 Section I. The Department of Education and all other agencies

3 within it will be abolished.

4 Section II. The Individual States will replace the Federal

5 Department of Education with state run Departments of
6 Education.

7 Section III. The monies will be proportioned out to each state as per the
8 number of delegates to the electoral college.

9 Section IV. This bill will come into effect at the end of fiscal year 2013.

10. Section V. All laws In conflict with this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted

Noah Crispell

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10 A Resolution Concerning Term Limits in Congress

1 WHEREAS: Career politics have seeped its way into the government
2 system over the years.

3 WHEREAS: Causing politicians to be more concerned about
4 reelection and their career rather than service to the
5 people.

6 WHEREAS: Adding more new members to the Legislative Branch
7 can lead the way for fresh new ideas.

8 WHEREAS: Career politics give rise to more political influence by
9 lobbyists and special interest groups.

10 WHEREAS: Incumbents have certain advantages that pertain to
11 elections

12 WHEREAS: It is understood that the Constitution does not address
13 Congressional term limits.

14 WHEREAS: Founding Fathers never amended this because career
15 politics were unheard of.
16 WHEREAS: It is hypocritical of our predecessors to limit presidential
17 term limits and not congressional limits.
18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Students Congress that
19 the U.S. Senate be limited to 3 terms and House of
20 Representatives to 5 terms with the amount of years in
21 said terms unchanged effective after the next House and
22 Senate election cycle.
23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all those who have already served
24 said amounts of terms will not be eligible for reelection.
25 BE IT FURTHER RESSOLVED that all financial benefits of 26
incumbency be removed immediately.

Respectfully Submitted,

West Allegheny Senior High School

11 A Bill to Legalize Marijaunna

Be it enacted the Student Congress here assembled:

- 1. Section I. Marijuana is to be legalized in all fifty (50) states for recreational
2. and medicinal purposes.**
- 3. Section II. Rules for marijuana use will follow all tobacco laws and/or bans
4. enacted by state or federal governments.**
- 5. Section III. All marijuana sales shall be charged with a forty (40) percent
6. Federal sales tax along with any and all other enacted state and
7. local taxes. If any enterprise failed to comply with the tax, they
8. will be fined for twice the tax owed, and that enterprise will be**

9. **confiscated by the Federal Government and sold to the highest**
10. **bidder.**
11. **Section IV. This bill will be enforced by the Food and Drug**
12. **Administration**
13. **Section V. This bill will come into effect one (1) year after the date of its**
14. **passage.**
15. **Section VI. All laws in conflict with this bill shall be declared null and**
- 16 **void.**

Respectfully submitted

Tyler Burke

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12 Resolution for Liberty and the repeal of the Patriot Act

- 1 Whereas: The Patriot Act has been deemed unconstitutional by multiple court cases in multiple
- 2 locations and by a large number of US citizens; and.
- 3 Whereas: The Patriot Act does not efficiently catch terrorists; and
- 4 Whereas: Giving up liberty for security is a false choice and causes us to lose both; and
- 5 Whereas: American citizens are entitled to 4th Amendment protections against secret searches,
- 6 National Security Letters, and warrantless searches and wiretap;.
- 7 Whereas: Law enforcement and national security can adequately do their jobs without accessing
- 8 the private information of innocent, law-abiding citizens; and
- 9 Whereas: The misnamed Patriot Act violates our constitution rights and takes away the very
- 10 freedom we are claiming to protect from terrorists; and
- 11 Whereas: The Patriot Act gives too much power, shrouded in too much secrecy, to government

12 agencies; and
13 Whereas: The Patriot Act was originally passed in secrecy and was not open to public comment;
14 Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that the Patriot Act be
15 declared unpatriotic.
16 Be it further resolved that the Patriot Act be repealed .

Respectfully submitted,
Bethel Park High School

13 **A Resolution to Establish Higher Technology Standards in PA Schools**

1. Whereas: The majority of Pennsylvania schools still use 20th-century style
2. chalkboards, overheads, and other educational resources, and;
3. Whereas: Technology provides more efficient ways of teaching, learning, and
4. applying skills needed for a changing, modern world, and;
5. Whereas: Dry-erase boards, projectors and modern computers provide easier
6. and more visual ways of communicating information properly, and;
7. Whereas: This will be a necessary change in the future regardless of how many
8. resources we possess to contribute to its betterment, and;

9. Whereas: The United States currently spends less than 7% of its GDP on education

10. nationwide.

11. Whereas: This can be accomplished with little to no tax increase depending on where

12. we choose to increase and decrease spending.

13. Therefore, be it resolved that: Pennsylvania increase spending to increase efficiency

14. and opportunity in statewide public schools.

Respectively Submitted by,

Fairview High School

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A Bill to Abolish Wage Controls

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

2 Section 1: (a) The federal minimum wage will be abolished.

3 (b) For heads of household who earn less than 8 dollars per hour, payroll taxes will not
4 be levied nor collected.

5 Section 2: The federal minimum wage is currently a \$7.25 price floor as described in the
6 provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

7 Section 3: (a) The federal minimum wage will be abolished with the repeal of the minimum
8 wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act at the passage of this bill.

9 (b) A 3-month conversion period will be effective with the passing of this bill in which

10 employers will be required to demonstrate compliance with section 1b of this bill.
11 Section 4: The implementation of this bill will be supervised by Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis and
12 IRS commissioner Douglas H. Shulman.
13 Section 5: All other laws that are in conflict with this Bill to Abolish Wage Controls shall hereby
14 be declared null and void. This bill requires no funding.

Respectfully submitted,

Austen Samyn

Wheeling Park High School

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

1. Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled:
2. Section I. English will be made the official language of the United States.
3. Section II. This means that all official government business at all levels
4. must be conducted in Standard American English. This includes
5. all public documents, records, legislation, and regulations, as
6. well as hearings, official ceremonies, and public meetings.
7. Section III The only exceptions that permit the use of other languages

8. besides English are for public health and safety services,
9. judicial proceedings, foreign language instruction, and the
10. promotion of tourism.
11. Section IV. This bill will come into effect one year after the date of its
12. passage.
13. Section V. All laws in conflict with this bill shall be declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted
Drew Hutsko
Lake-Lehman Jr./Sr. High School

16 A Resolution to Start a Second Language in School in 1st Grade

- 1 **WHEREAS:** The brain plasticity theory, the biological predisposition theory, and
- 2 the imprinting theory all support learning a foreign language at an early age to
- 3 promote better native language pronunciation.
- 4 **WHEREAS:** As an organism ages, its biological clock affects cellular plasticity
- 5 therefore making it more difficult to comprehend and retain language skills.

6 **WHEREAS:** In most cases, the second language is spoken free of accent if
7 started by age 6 as opposed to age 12.

8 **WHEREAS:** In oral production tests, children learning a second language scored
9 higher in phonology than their older counterparts.

10 **WHEREAS:** Low proficiency areas of the brain, corresponding with the first
11 language, can be activated with the learning of a second language.

12 **Therefore,** be it resolved by the PHSSL student congress here assembled that a
13 second language be started in schools in 1st grade.

Respectfully Submitted,

North Allegheny High School

17 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CELL PHONE USE IN SCHOOLS

1. Whereas: unsupervised student cell phone use in school is distracting for both the users
2. and those around them, and
3. Whereas: unsupervised student cell phone use encourages cheating and digital
4. harassment, and ,
5. Whereas: personal cell phones have a capability of running on their own network
6. thus bypassing the school's filtering of inappropriate non-academic websites
7. such as social websites as Facebook and adult websites,
8. Whereas: School districts keep meeting student resistance with their cell phone

9. policies,
8. Therefore, Be It Resolved by this Pennsylvania High School Speech League State
9. Student Congress that Pennsylvania public schools are mandated that all
10. unsupervised, cell phone use be disciplined with a mandated 20 hours of
11. community service to be completed within 20 days or else the all phone
12. privileges at school will be banned until completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Trinity High School
District #4

18 A Resolution Concerning Predictive Policing

- 1 Whereas: The United States Federal Government is currently trillions**
2 of dollars in debt, and
- 3 Whereas: This deficit has caused budget cuts in many areas**
4 throughout both federal and state governments including
5 law enforcement, and
- 6 Whereas: The need for police officers has increased in recent years**
7 while their numbers have continued to decrease, and

8 **Whereas:** This decrease has led to a need for an increase in efficiency
9 in order to compensate for the loss of officers, and
10 **Whereas:** This has caused many agencies to turn to a method known a
11 predictive policing or the use of empirical data to better
12 determine which stores are more likely to be robbed, which
13 areas are more likely to need police, and where crimes are
14 more likely to occur during any point in time.
15 **Therefore:** Be it resolved by this Student Congress here assembled that
16 predictive policing methods become an integral part of law
17 enforcement and proper methods and procedures be
18 established for it by the year 2016.

Submitted by

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