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A Bill to Address the Mental Health of U.S. Military Members

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense shall implement new practices to increase
3 the number of mental health professionals attending to members of the
4 U.S. military.

5 **SECTION 2.** Mental health professional is defined as an individual trained to evaluate
6 a person's mental health and use therapeutic techniques based on
7 specific training programs.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense shall oversee enforcement.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect on June 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lometa High School.



A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Term Limits on Congress

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

RESOLVED, By two-thirds of the UIL Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

ARTICLE --

SECTION 1: No person who has served three terms as a Representative shall be qualified for the House of Representatives. For purposes of this section, the appointment of a person to fill an opening in the House of Representatives shall be included as one term in deciding the number of terms that such person has served as a Representative if the person fills the vacancy for more than one year.

SECTION 2: No person who has served two terms as a Senator shall be qualified for the Senate. For purposes of this section, the appointment of a person to fill a role in the Senate shall be included as one term in determining the number of terms that such person has served as a Senator if the person fills the role for more than three years.

SECTION 3: No term beginning before the date of the approval of this legislation shall be taken into account in determining eligibility for election or appointment under this legislation.

SECTION 4: The UIL Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Salado High School.

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A Bill to Establish a Maximum Wage of 1000% of the Median Family Income

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** There will be a 100% income tax on all income over what is 1000% of
3 median family income as determined by the most recent United States
4 Census.

5 **SECTION 2.** 1000% of the median family income would be ten times the median
6 income of a United States citizen.

7 **SECTION 3.** The exact percentages will be determined by the United States Census.
8 The IRS will oversee all taxation enforced by the bill.

9 A. The most recent United States census would be used to determine the
10 median family income in the United States

11 B. The Internal Revenue Service will oversee a new tax bracket set at
12 1000% of the median family income as determined by the most recent
13 United States Census.

14 **SECTION 4.** The income tax rate on all income that falls under this bill (as clarified in
15 section 1) will increase by 12.6 percent every year from the current rate
16 of 37 percent, over the next five years, resulting in a 100% income tax on
17 this income after five years. These changes will be enforced beginning
18 January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lampasas High School.



A Resolution to Withdraw American Troops from Syria

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has given extensive funds and resources in the war-
2 torn country of Syria; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The United State has spent 15 billion American tax dollars in the past
4 decade on Syria; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** Funds spent could have reduced the debt ceiling; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Despite United States involvement, the Syrian conflict remains
7 stalemated; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
9 recommendation for the United States to leave Syria within 24 months;
10 and, be it
- 11 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That funds used for the conflict be redirected to reduce the
12 national debt ceiling.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Holland High School.



A Bill to Increase Certification Requirements for Police Officers

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All police officers shall be required to hold a degree and/or certificate
3 from 4 years of training/study in criminal justice or a related field before
4 being allowed to serve in the field.

5 **SECTION 2.** Police officer is defined as a warranted law enforcement officer.

6 **SECTION 3.** This law shall be overseen by the United States Department of Justice.

7 A. Non-certified officers who are discovered to be serving in the field
8 shall be sentenced to jail for no less than two years, but no more than
9 five. Upon completing their sentence, they shall be banned from
10 working in any law enforcement agency again.

11 B. Officers who have been serving on the force for 5 years or more prior
12 to the passage of this legislation that do not meet these requirements
13 shall not be required to pursue additional certification in order to
14 comply. Officers who do not meet the requirements and have served
15 for less than 5 years must complete necessary certification
16 requirements within 4 years of passage to be considered compliant.

17 **SECTION 4.** This law shall go into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Waco Connally High School.



A Resolution to Remove States' Banned Books Lists in Public Education

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Banned book lists restrict students' liberty and the extent of their public
2 education opportunities; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** Book bans impede on free expression rights and are consequently not
4 conducive of an open, inclusive, and democratic learning atmosphere for
5 American youth; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** While the purpose of banning books is to protect children from explicit
7 material, state legislatures are increasingly influenced by outside groups
8 to stigmatize "undesirable" authors and subject matter; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** Banned book lists pose a dangerous precedent for the future of public
10 education as it restricts students' education regarding civil rights
11 movements for historically marginalized people; now, therefore, be it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
13 recommendation to remove states' ability to create banned book lists
14 and give school librarians the authority and discretion to allocate their
15 school's budget.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Harker Heights High School.



A Bill to Prohibit the Trading of Financial Instruments Among Politicians

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All politicians who vote on bills that affect the economy, the House of
3 Representatives, Senate, and the President of the United States will be
4 restricted from trading while holding office.

5 **SECTION 2.** Trading is defined as buying or selling financial instruments, previously
6 acquired or not.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will oversee the accounts
8 of politicians in junction with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
9 who will investigate respective politicians if investigation is deemed
10 necessary by the SEC.

11 A. Politician's accounts will not be prohibited from holding financial
12 instruments.

13 B. Once out of office, politician's accounts will no longer be prohibited
14 trading financial instruments.

15 **SECTION 4.** This law will go into effect October 1, 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Harker Heights High School.



A Bill to Require a Period of Paid Parental Leave

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All businesses shall be required to give mothers a minimum of 8 weeks of
3 full-pay maternity leave and up to an additional 4 weeks of half-pay if
4 experiencing complications. Additionally, businesses shall also be
5 required to give fathers a minimum of 2 weeks at full-pay with up to an
6 additional 4 weeks at half-pay if complication deem caregiving necessary.

7 **SECTION 2.** Full pay shall be defined as the salary or hourly-rate based on a 40-hour
8 week. Half pay shall be defined as the salary or hourly-rate based on a 20-
9 hour week. Mothers shall be defined as the birthing or legally adoptive
10 individual. Fathers shall be defined as one additional co-parent.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) shall oversee and enforce this
12 legislation through the following means:

13 A. Tax Credits per employee granted to companies or employers in
14 compliance with the law.

15 B. Annual audits of company or employer financial statements.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be in effect as of January 31, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Holland High School.



A Resolution to Deny Legacy and Donor Admissions to College

- 1 **WHEREAS,** College admissions have been embroiled in scandals and legal challenges; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** A survey of adults in the United States revealed that nearly 75% view legacy
- 3 admissions as unfair; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** First generation college and economically disadvantaged students are less likely
- 5 to be admitted to top tier universities; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The Supreme Court of the United States has widened the gap for minority
- 7 students; now, therefore, be it
- 8 **RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here disallow colleges and universities affiliated with the
- 9 United States from considering family legacy and institutional donors as a part of
- 10 its admission process.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Corsicana High School.



A Bill to Provide Fairness in the Event of a Government Shutdown

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** When the United States Congress cannot come to an agreement
3 in reference to the national debt, and there is a government
4 shutdown, members of Congress will not receive their salaries.

5 **SECTION 2.** Government shutdown is defined as “when nonessential U.S.
6 government offices can no longer remain open due to a lack of
7 funding.” Under the Anti-Deficiency Act (initially passed in 1884
8 and amended in 1950), federal agencies cannot spend or obligate
9 any money without appropriation (or other approval) from
10 Congress. When Congress fails to enact the 12 annual
11 appropriation bills, federal agencies must cease all non-essential
12 functions until Congress acts. This is known as a government
13 shutdown.

14 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Treasury Department will oversee and enforce this bill
15 completely, as they are responsible for Congressional pay.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect of January 30, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lampasas High School.



A Bill to Require Power Lines to be Underground

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All power transmission, distribution lines will be required to be
3 underground.

4 **SECTION 2.** Power lines shall be defined as a cable transmitting electrical power.
5 Underground shall be defined as beneath the surface of the ground.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Energy will oversee the implementation of this bill.
7 A. The Department of Energy will allocate up to \$30 billion a year in
8 grants to ensure adequate transition. Transition shall be completed
9 by 2035.

10 B. The Department of Energy will have the authority to grant
11 exemptions for areas deemed inaccessible, unsuitable and/or
12 unfeasible for transmission underground.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect in January of 2025.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Salado High School.



A Bill to Issue to Special Immigrant Visas to Interpreters

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Special Immigrant Visas (SIV) numbers will expand to include all
3 translators and interpreters employed by or on behalf of the United
4 States government in Iraq or Afghanistan.

5 **SECTION 2.** Translators and interpreters are defined as skilled linguists who possess
6 in-depth understanding of military terminology, procedures, and culture.
7 They are responsible for translating written and spoken words,
8 maintaining confidentiality, and ensuring accuracy in the transmission of
9 sensitive information.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State will oversee enforcement of this
11 legislation.

12 A. This legislation shall be implemented through United States
13 Citizenship and Immigration Services.

14 B. This program is completely distinct from the Special Immigrant Visas
15 for Iraqis and the Special Immigrant Visas for Afghans programs.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will go into effect on February 1, 2024.

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

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Lometa High School.