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*We certify that the legislation submitted by this school for this Congress is the original work of the students of our school and its subject matter is approved by school administration.*



## **A Bill to Transfer the Hearing of Article 120 Crimes to the Criminal Justice System**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States federal government shall modify Article 120 of the Uniform  
3 Code of Military Justice to place the hearing of rape and sexual assault cases  
4 involving charged service members in the Criminal Justice System instead of  
5 allowing them to fall under the jurisdiction of Military Court Martial.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Uniform Code of Military Justice (U.C.M.J.) shall be defined by the  
7 Department of Defense as the code enacted by Congress which contains the  
8 substantive and procedural laws governing the military justice system.

9 **SECTION 3.** As constitutionally mandated, Congress will oversee the creation of the laws  
10 contained in the U.C.M.J., and the president will apply the constitutional power  
11 of the execution and enforcement of those laws to create and maintain the  
12 Manual for Courts Martial or M.C.M.

13 A. All individuals currently detained under allegations of an Article 120 crime  
14 will be immediately charged in the Criminal Justice System, assigned a  
15 lawyer, and scheduled a court date before a judge.

16 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Irion County High School.*



## **A Resolution to Update the Immigration System to Ensure National Security and Public Safety**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Our disorganized and chaotic immigration system encourages people to  
2                   go around the law and is a clear invitation to those who wish to take  
3                   advantage of our openness to harm the nation; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Failure to update our immigration laws is unfair to those who want to  
5                   obey the law and follow the rules to enter the country legally; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   Loopholes that prevent enforcement of our laws and have overwhelmed  
7                   immigration courts, have allowed illegitimate asylum claimants and other  
8                   lawbreakers to remain in the U.S. indefinitely; and
- 9   **WHEREAS,**   National security, public safety and overall American welfare continue to  
10                  be in jeopardy; now, therefore, be it
- 11   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
12                   recommendation to implement a system that will effectively track down  
13                   those who overstay their visas as a first step in stopping illegal  
14                   immigration; and, be it
- 15   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this UIL Congress update the registry system to combat the  
16                   illegal immigrants and refocus our energies on those who deserve to be  
17                   removed from the U.S.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Rochelle High School.*



## **A Bill to Require Evaluation and Provide Therapy for Military and First Responders Following Traumatic Events**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All military members and first responders who have witnessed a  
3 traumatic or distressing event will undergo a required evaluation and  
4 attend therapy to ensure their mental health and safety.

5 **SECTION 2.** First responders include Law enforcement, Firefighters and Medical  
6 Personnel. Military members include those actively serving in any branch  
7 of the service. Traumatic experiences include horrific crime scenes,  
8 disasters, and other tragedies.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services will determine best  
10 practices for identifying mental health conditions, treatment plans, and  
11 course of action for returning to work. The Department of Defense and  
12 local agencies will enact these practices and plans.

13 A. Funding for this program will be provided by grants. Money for these  
14 grants will come evenly from the current defense budget and the  
15 foreign aid budget.

16 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of fiscal year 2026.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Rochelle High School.*



## A Bill to Ban Solitary Confinement in Prisons Across America

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

2 **SECTION 1.** A bill to ban solitary confinement in prisons and implant a treatment  
3 program.

4 **SECTION 2.** Inmates struggling with mental health and behavioral issues will be put in  
5 a Treatment Diversion Program to reduce the rates of prison infractions,  
6 inpatient mental health admissions and self-harm incidents. Currently the  
7 cost to house someone in solitary confinement a year is \$78,000 a year.  
8 According to Keramet Reiter professor at the University at California-  
9 Irvine, that is three times the cost to put someone in a regular prison  
10 unit. They will stay in this program until they have completed the days of  
11 their customized treatment.

12 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be funded by the National Institute of Corrections. They will  
13 oversee the funding and the implementation of the bill. They will be  
14 responsible for customizing all treatments for each inmate admitted.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented starting January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bangs High School.*



## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Require Background Checks On Those Who Run For Federal Office**

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:** All of those who wish for positions of federal power will have to submit a public background check prior to their campaign.

**SECTION 2:** The United States has a total of 542 federal offices, which consist of the president, vice president, 100 senators, 435 representatives, 4 delegate representative and 1 resident commissioner. The current requirements for these officials are:

- A. Must be a specific age. B. Must have lived in the U.S. for a specific period of time  
C. Natural-born citizen (president and vice president) D. Residency in representing state  
(Senator and U.S. Representative)

**SECTION 3:** The background check will contain information about the official's identity verification, employment verification, credit history, driver's history, criminal records, education confirmation, military service, etc. These background checks can be accessed by the public at any moment during campaigns. This will leave the voters to choose who they think best fits the role of representing our country using their convictions.

**SECTION 4:** The candidate and/or candidate's organization will fund their own personal background check. If the candidate refuses to let the public access their background check, then they forfeit their right to run for their desired office.

**SECTION 5:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Bangs High School.*

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## **A Bill to Expand Nursing Education Opportunities to Ensure a Sufficient Nursing Workforce**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Students who pursue qualifications to be a registered nurse or who are enrolled  
3 in a graduate level degree in nursing shall qualify for up to \$25,000 of loan  
4 forgiveness. Furthermore, \$50,000 will be granted annually to nursing schools in  
5 order to supplement the pay of nursing instructors or to hire new faculty.

6 **SECTION 2.**

- 7 A. Students shall be defined as anyone who is registered in a regionally  
8 accredited program in pursuit of Registered Nursing qualifications or in a  
9 graduate degree in the field of nursing. In order to qualify for loan  
10 forgiveness, the student must become licensed and work as an RN for a  
11 minimum of five years.
- 12 B. Nursing school will refer to any accredited school with education leading to  
13 qualifications as a registered nurse.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this  
15 legislation.

- 16 A. Loan forgiveness will be awarded to the first 300,000 applicants who fulfill  
17 all requirements.
- 18 B. The \$50,000 grant to nursing schools will be awarded for ten years.

19 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1 of the year following Congressional  
20 approval.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mason High School.*



## A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Distribute Electoral College Votes Proportionally

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

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

8 **ARTICLE --**

9 **SECTION 1:** In presidential elections, electoral votes shall not be allocated to  
10 candidates on a winner-takes-all basis or according to the winner of  
11 districts within states. Instead, electoral votes shall be allocated  
12 proportionally according to the popular vote within a state.

13 **SECTION 2:** This amendment will not affect other aspects of the Electoral College  
14 process, including the number of votes granted to each state, the number  
15 of votes needed to win presidency, and the process by which electoral  
16 representatives are chosen to be in the electoral college.

17 **SECTION 3:** The UIL Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate  
18 legislation.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Mason High School.*





## A Bill to Ban Arms Sales to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill bans the United States Federal Government from selling and providing  
3 military aid in the form of Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales to  
4 the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, hereafter referred to as Saudi Arabia. This bill is  
5 introduced to remedy continued humans' rights abuses in Saudi Arabia.

6 **SECTION 2.** A. Foreign Military Sales (FMS)- A U.S. Government program for transferring  
7 defense articles, services, and training to our international partners and  
8 international organizations.

9 B. Direct Commercial Sales (DCS)-When U.S. companies obtain commercial  
10 export licenses, allowing them to directly negotiate and sell defense articles and  
11 services to foreign nations.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense, in cooperation with the Department of State, will  
13 oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

14 A. The Department of Defense will suspend all Foreign Military Sales.

15 B. The Department of State will suspend all Direct Commercial Sales licenses.

16 C. All sales in effect past January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, will be canceled, and any company  
17 found violating this law will have all DCS licenses suspended indefinitely and  
18 fined an amount not exceeding 100 million dollars.

19 D. The Department of State will give bi-annual reports on the state of human  
20 rights abuses in Saudi Arabia to the House Foreign Affairs Committee and  
21 the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

22 **SECTION 4.** This Bill will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Miles High School.*

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## A Resolution to Expand the United States Nuclear Industry

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Global warming has been shown to be an increasingly worrying issue; and
- 2   **WHEREAS,**   it has been proven by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Changes
- 3                   (IPCC) that Humans are directly responsible for Climate Change and that
- 4                   if we do not change our policies that the world will see climate disaster
- 5                   heretofore unseen; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   Solar and Wind energy are too inconsistent and are not advanced enough
- 7                   to sufficiently replace coal and gas power plants; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   Nuclear energy is far more reliable and provides much more power than
- 9                   other green energy sources while still keeping greenhouse gas emissions
- 10                  low; now, therefore, be it
- 11   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled call for the creation of a
- 12                  committee within the Department of Energy to investigate and create a
- 13                  plan to further develop the U.S. nuclear energy industry.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Miles High School.*



## **A Resolution to Increase Health Education to End Childhood Obesity**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   One in six children suffers from obesity; and
- 2   **WHEREAS,**   Childhood obesity is on the rise; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Obesity reduces the quality of living and can lead to death; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   A lack of health and nutrition education perpetuates these issues;
- 5                   now, therefore, be it
- 6   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
- 7                   recommendation to increase funding in public schools by 2 billion dollars
- 8                   to be used for health education.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Brady High School.*



## A Bill to Send Significant Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby send humanitarian aid to support  
3 Ukrainian civilians who are suffering from the ongoing conflict with  
4 Russia.

5 **SECTION 2.** Humanitarian aid will be defined as sending materials and logistic  
6 assistance to those in need. This will be provided for all citizens of Ukraine  
7 who are in need of support.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S.  
9 Department of State will be given 6 billion dollars to provide  
10 humanitarian aid to Ukrainians.

11 A. The funds provided will come from deficit spending within the United  
12 States.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented starting four weeks after the date of  
14 passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Brady High School.*



## **A Resolution to Provide Subsidies to Promote a Non-Tipping System in the Food Industry**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The tipping system in the United States' food industry promotes racist  
2                   and ethically unequal disparity which forces lower-income minorities to  
3                   fall into cyclical poverty; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Because of the prevalence of customers to tip people of color,  
5                   unattractive, or disabled people less, it is imperative that we encourage  
6                   wages to be based solely on quality of work and not appearance; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   The United States needs to promote equality and fair practices for the  
8                   food industry, as many low-income families require income from that  
9                   field; now, therefore, be it
- 10   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled provide tax subsidies for  
11                   businesses in the food industry to promote a non-tipping system.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central.*



## **A Resolution to Take Federal Control of the Border for the Safety of Immigrants**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Currently at the border, states such as Texas have been using inhumane  
2                   prevention tactics, specifically in the Rio Grande waters; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Seeing as over 1,500 migrants pass through only the Rio Grande waters  
4                   alone in a day; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   Immigration is on the rise specifically along the Mexican border due to a  
6                   falling Mexican economy and increased violence being perpetuated by  
7                   the Mexican government; and
- 8   **WHEREAS,**   States have taken border “safety” into their own hands with Texas  
9                   placing dangerous floating devices and barbed wire across the river  
10                  putting immigrants in even more significant danger; and
- 11   **WHEREAS,**   The federal government has the right to secure its borders how it deems  
12                  fit and state governments have no authority to do so; now, therefore be  
13                  it
- 14   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here recommend that the United States federal  
15                  governments take control of the border from individual states for the  
16                  safety of immigrants, and supervise any state government action; and, be  
17                  it
- 18   **FURTHER RESOLVED,**   That this congress will expand border safety funding, to provide a  
19                  safe border.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central.*



## **A Bill to A Bill to End the 1122 and 1033 Programs to Demilitarize the Police**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The 1122 and 1033 programs will be abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** A. The “1122 Program” is defined as the Department of Defense program  
4 based on Section 1122 of the 1994 National Defense Authorization Act,  
5 which established the authority for state and units of local governments  
6 to purchase law enforcement equipment through federal procurement  
7 channels.

8 B. The “1033 Program” is defined as the Department of Defense program  
9 based on Section 1033 of the 1997 National Defense Authorization Act,  
10 which authorizes the Department of Defense to transfer excess military  
11 property to state and local law enforcement agencies.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense will oversee the closure of these programs.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented immediately upon passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central High School.*



## **A Bill to Implement Child Support for Victims of DUI Vehicular Homicide**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will incorporate mandatory child support for the  
3 dependents of victims of vehicular homicide, specifically if the driver is  
4 under the influence during the time of the crash. This will be paid for by  
5 the perpetrator over the course of their prison sentencing until the  
6 dependent is of 21 years of age.

7 **SECTION 2.**

8 A. Vehicular homicide shall be defined as a crime that involves the death  
9 of a person other than the driver as a result of either criminally  
10 negligent or murderous operation of a motor vehicle.

11 A. Dependent, as defined by the IRS, is a qualifying child or a relative of  
12 the taxpayer.

13 **SECTION 3.** The respective governing body on child support for each state will  
14 oversee the allotment of funding for enforcement supervised by the  
15 Federal Attorney General.

16 A. The child support will be set based upon the driver's income at the  
17 time.

18 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect 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 San Angelo Central.*





## **A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Establish Upper Age Limits for Members of 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:

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

### **ARTICLE --**

**SECTION 1:** No person who is older than 70 years of age shall be eligible for election to the U.S. House of Representatives. During all election years, candidates are required to be under the age of 70 during their prospective term. Members of the U.S. House of Representatives shall not be considered for re-election once they have reached 68 years of age.

**SECTION 2:** No person who is older than 70 years of age shall be eligible for election to the U.S. Senate. During all election years, candidates are required to be under the age of 70 during their prospective term. Members of the U.S. Senate shall not be considered for re-election once they have reached 68 years of age.

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

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by San Angelo Central High School.*