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## A Bill to Reinvigorate Education

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress finds that education unequivocally constitutes an activity that  
3 substantially affects interstate commerce, holds that an educated society  
4 is requisite for promoting the general welfare of the United States, and  
5 thus mandates that private elementary and secondary schools be subject  
6 to federal regulation as outlined in Section 3 of this Bill.

7 **SECTION 2.** A private school is defined as a private business or nonprofit entity that  
8 offers or conducts full-time instruction at the primary and/or secondary  
9 level.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall enforce this bill, and ensure that  
11 private schools are in full compliance with:

- 12 A. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).  
13 B. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX).  
14 C. All previous exemptions for private schools under IDEA and Title IX  
15 are hereby abolished.  
16 D. Schools that are found to be in violation of IDEA and/or Title IX shall  
17 be fined \$50,000 per violation.  
18 E. States shall adopt policies to ensure private schools administer state  
19 required examinations for elementary and secondary students. States  
20 that fail to comply will have federal education funds reduced by 10%  
21 for the following fiscal year.

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill shall take effect October 1, 2024.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School*

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## A Bill to Create an Agency Dedicated to Regulating Technology and Technological Affairs

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1.** A new agency will be formed dedicated to establishing standards of regulation for Technology and Technological Affairs, particularly pertaining to online and computer development. This agency is to create, and enforce existing regulations on;
- A. Usage of online-users data and information, such as the harvesting of data, what kind of info is harvested, and regulations to protect user privacy and information.
  - B. AI Technologies, to question and regulate ethical constraints on this technology, and to ensure safe development of said technology.
  - C. Industry-standard regulations for technological companies, sites, and software. To ensure moral and legal development and compliance in the interest of the digital user.
  - D. Laws dedicated to monitoring technological advancement, practices in the industry, and bills to protect the digital user.
  - E. Other advancements and regulations in the technological field, not yet listed or not yet seen.
- SECTION 2.** Technology, and Technological Affairs is to specifically outline and focus on technologies that are primarily computer and or digitally based, such as Social Networking Site (SNS), Electronic Commerce, Computer Software, Computer Hardware, and Artificial Intelligence (AI). AI Technology is to be defined as technology or software that utilizes machine learning and or artificial neural networks to perform a task or function, such as recommending content, creating images, writing text, or any other function not listed. The digital user is to be defined as an individual, corporation, or entity that utilizes the internet and proprietary computer software and or hardware.
- SECTION 3.** This bill will create the agency, "The United States Bureau of Technological Affairs." (BTA), to ensure enforcement of this bill and its provisions. This agency will be funded by the Department of the Treasury and Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- A. Funding will be secured by implementing a 10% tax on profits generated by selling Consumer Electronics in the United States, carried out by the IRS.
  - B. Additional funding may be secured by the passing of new regulations on technology, or technological services. Additional funding may be allocated as the agency absorbs duties previously loosely regulated by other departments or agencies.
- SECTION 4.** This legislation will be implemented in the next fiscal year.
- SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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

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## **A Resolution to Prohibit Four-Day School Weeks to Increase Funding for Teachers and Students**

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   School districts in rural areas are beginning to resolve the teacher  
2                   shortages by decreasing primary and secondary school weeks to four  
3                   days; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Lack of teachers create a lack of education, and displacement of students  
5                   with working class parents; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   The National Assessment of Education Progress has concluded that  
7                   reading scores for the average student have reached their lowest point  
8                   since 2004, in worst cases similarly relating to reading scores before  
9                   1971; and
- 10   **WHEREAS,**   The National Education Association has concluded that teachers are  
11                  making over \$3,500 less than they were 10 years ago, as adjusted for  
12                  inflation; and
- 13   **WHEREAS,**   By a school district moving to a four day school week, they are placing  
14                  the parents responsible for additional expenses for childcare, which many  
15                  cannot afford; now, therefore, be it
- 16   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled prohibit schools from adopting a  
17                  four-day week schedule; and, be it
- 18   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the UIL Congress here assembled shall additionally pass the  
19                  American Teacher Act providing a minimum salary for teachers nationally  
20                  as an effort to retain teachers in schools, avoid teacher shortages, and  
21                  increase education levels in primary and secondary school students.

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



## A Bill to Cut Corn Subsidies

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Because corn products contribute to high obesity rates in the United States and  
3 the U.S. federal government has spent over \$166 billion on corn subsidies since  
4 1995, subsidies and federal assistance funds to corn producers shall be cut by  
5 the Congress assembled here.

6 **SECTION 2.** Corn Subsidies will be defined as any assistance funds provided by the federal  
7 government to corn producers in the United States.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will oversee the implementation of this bill.

9 A. Corn subsidies will be cut by 5% each fiscal year for 5 years after passage,  
10 followed by a 10% cut each fiscal year for 5 years after that period.

11 B. Any subsidies remaining by the end of the 10 fiscal year period will be ended  
12 immediately.

13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2025. All laws in conflict with this legislation  
14 are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Amarillo High School.*



## **A Bill to Seat the Cherokee Nation Delegate to the United States House of Representatives to Fulfill Treaty Obligations**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States House of Representatives will seat Kimberly Teehee,  
3 the designated non-voting delegate from the Cherokee Nation as  
4 promised to the tribe by the federal government in the Treaty of New  
5 Echota in 1835.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Cherokee Nation, being the federally recognized tribal government  
7 encompassing much of Northeastern Oklahoma, established in 1839. The  
8 non-voting delegate will possess the same power as non-voting delegates  
9 from U.S Territories and Washington DC.

10 **SECTION 3.** The United States House of Representatives and The Cherokee Nation  
11 will be responsible for overseeing the seating of Delegate Teehee.

12 A. The United State House of Representatives will be responsible for  
13 seating the delegate.

14 B. The Cherokee Nation will be responsible for selecting the delegate  
15 that will represent the tribe in the United States House of  
16 Representatives.

17 **SECTION 4.** This will go into effect January 3, 2025.

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

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



## **A Bill to Counter Teen Substance Abuse to Provide Parental Accountability**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress finds underage consumption of intoxicants has a severe deleterious effect  
3 on this nation's minors, and thus mandates that any state receiving federal funds  
4 used in law enforcement activities develop and enforce criminal penalties for the  
5 parents/guardians of any minor in possession of a controlled substance or  
6 intoxicant.

7 **SECTION 2.** This bill adopts the following definitions from the Code of Federal Regulations, Title  
8 33, Chapter I, Subchapter F, Part 95, §95.010.

9 A. Drug means any substance (other than alcohol) that has known mind or  
10 function-altering effects on a person, specifically including any psychoactive  
11 substance, and including, but not limited to, controlled substances.

12 B. Controlled Substance has the same meaning assigned by 21 U.S.C. 802 and  
13 includes all substances listed on Schedules I through V as they may be revised  
14 from time to time (21 CFR Part 1308).

15 C. Intoxicant means any form of alcohol, drug, or combination thereof.

16 D. This bill defines minor as any person under the age of eighteen years.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall enforce this bill.

18 A. By January 1 of each year, the Attorney General shall publish a list of states  
19 found to be out of compliance with Sections 1 and 2 of this bill.

20 B. Federal funds used in law enforcement activities for any state listed by the  
21 Attorney General to be out of compliance with Sections 1 and 2 of this bill shall  
22 be reduced by 15% for the following fiscal year.

23 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on the 1st day of June 2024.

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

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

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## A Bill to Feed Cattle Seaweed

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** Congress finds that the current approach to cattle production in the United States has furthered climate change through the releasing of greenhouse gasses, like methane, thus Congress will enact subsidies for seaweed farms to add seaweed into the diet of American cattle to reduce these emissions.

**SECTION 2.** Cattle producer shall be defined as ranches or farms which have herds of cattle numbering more than 300.

**SECTION 3.** The Department of Agriculture will be in charge of administering this legislation.

- A. Subsidies for seaweed producers shall not total over \$1 billion each year, or under \$500 million each year.
- B. Cattle producers will be required to feed their livestock 30% of their diet in seaweed by 2028 and required to feed their livestock 60% of their diet in seaweed by 2032.
- C. Any cattle producers found in noncompliance with this legislation owning 500 or less cattle, will be fined \$5000 each consecutive month they do not comply.
- D. Any cattle producers found in noncompliance with this legislation owning more than 500 cattle, will be fined \$10000 each consecutive month they do not comply.

**SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect October 1, 2024.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Amarillo High School*





## A Resolution to Protect U.S. Intellectual Property

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   The United States invests significant resources into research and  
2                   development at American universities; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   The results of this research and development have provided staggering  
4                   technological breakthroughs and innovations; and
- 5   **WHEREAS,**   Our continued capacity to compete in a global marketplace hinges on  
6                   continued advancements; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   In recent years, cases of foreign nationals admitted to U.S. universities,  
8                   and subsequently stealing intellectual property developed at these  
9                   universities is cause for grave concern and is a national security liability;  
10                  now, therefore, be it
- 11   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled direct the Secretary of State to  
12                   develop guidelines to determine which nations' governments  
13                   intentionally engage in directed theft of intellectual property from U.S.  
14                   universities; and, be it
- 15   **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That foreign nationals from those nations be barred from studying  
16                   at any university in the U.S. that receives funds from the federal  
17                   government for research.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Tascosa High School*



## **A Bill to Stop the Manufacture of Assault Weapons and to Reclaim Existing Assault Weapons**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All manufacturing of assault weapons will cease. In addition, existing  
3 assault weapons, voluntarily surrendered, will be purchased, and  
4 destroyed.

5 **SECTION 2.** Assault weapons are defined as semi-automatic or automatic firearms,  
6 excluding handguns.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives will oversee  
8 enforcement.

9 A. Assault weapons voluntarily surrendered will be purchased for \$2000.

10 B. Assault weapons surrendered will be made available to law  
11 enforcement entities through a grant program, any unclaimed or  
12 unusable assault weapons will be destroyed.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2026.

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

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



## A Bill to Ensure Sustainable Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations by 2040

BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

**SECTION 1.** By the year 2040, all commercial electrical vehicle charging stations will require to be powered by at least 50% renewable energy. Failure to comply will face a penalty, and revocation of usable tax-credits related to electric vehicle charging station subsidies.

**SECTION 2.** Electric vehicles (EVs) are to be defined as vehicles that utilize a battery and electric motor as a means of transportation and have compatibility with electrical vehicle charging stations. Electric vehicle charging stations, (EVCs) refers to stations or devices specifically provided with the intended use of being used to charge an electric vehicle. Renewable energy is defined by the Environmental Protection Agency as a “fuel source that restore themselves over short periods of time and do not diminish.” Such as solar, wind, hydro, geothermal, biofuel, and other sources.

**SECTION 3.** This bill will be jointly implemented by the Department of Energy (DoE), and The United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

- A. The Department of Energy (DoE) will be responsible for tracking and monitoring that EVCs are relying on no less than 50% renewable energy for charging EVs, and reporting annually when stations fall below this threshold.
- B. The United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will be responsible for enforcement of this bill. If an EVC falls below the renewable energy threshold, then that EVCs profits will be taxed, by 50% for failing to meet the threshold requirement. If compliance is reached, the following calendar year penalties will be revoked.
- C. Additionally, if a station is found to have two years or more of consecutive threshold penalties, then accessibility to EVC Tax Subsidies will be prevented, and will not be able to be claimed for that calendar year.

**SECTION 4.** This legislation is to go into effect on January 1, 2040.

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

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