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## **A Bill for Mandatory Skill Training for All High School Students**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** All students will graduate with the ability to have the skill of welding,  
3 automotive, culinary, cosmetology, draftsmen, electrician, medical  
4 coding and computer coding.

5 **SECTION 2.** Skills are any marketable/technical job right after high school.

6 **SECTION 3.** This bill will be enforced in all high schools. This will allow students to  
7 have a marketable job after high school.

8 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by the fall of 2026.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Del Valle High School.*



## A Bill to Criminalize the Act of Gerrymandering to Promote Democracy

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Justice will oversee implementation of standards of  
3 voting district lines in state legislatures in order to fairly represent the  
4 voters in the area and prevent racial, partisan, and/or classist  
5 gerrymandering.

6 **SECTION 2.** Gerrymandering shall be defined as any practice that manipulates  
7 boundaries in order to favor one party, class, and/or race.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) will oversee the implementation of the  
9 following standards:

10 A. Voting districts shall be redrawn every 4 years, alternating between  
11 election years.

12 B. In order to redraw boundaries, the states shall use data from the  
13 most recent census as well as local-level censuses.

14 C. Once a year, the DOJ will conduct a redistricting report card based on  
15 Reock scores and Polsby-Popper scores.

16 D. Standards shall expand on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) under  
17 section 2.3, Pre-Voting Functions.

18 **SECTION 4.** Any state that fails the redistricting report card 3 times consecutively  
19 shall be subject to investigation by the DOJ and if found guilty, all  
20 associated parties shall be tried and fined \$50,000 each.

21 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will go into effect January 1, 2025.

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

*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 Ban Junk Food Mascots

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States Federal Government will place a ban on the use of  
3 cartoon mascots in advertising and packaging of packaged foods that  
4 contain excess sugars and/or sodium.

5 **SECTION 2.** Excess sugars shall be defined as any packaged food or drink that  
6 contains more than 12 grams of sugar per serving size; excess sodium  
7 shall be defined as more than 150 milligrams of sodium per serving size.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration shall oversee the enforcement of this  
9 legislation by

10 A. Mandating that companies remain in compliance with the  
11 legislation's nutritional guidelines.

12 **SECTION 4.** All companies must implement one year after passage.

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

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



## A Resolution to End Schooling Hours at an Earlier Time

1   **WHEREAS,**   The hours of class time should be shorter to ensure that students have  
2                   enough time to do extracurricular activities, take a break and enjoy other  
3                   aspects of life; and

4   **WHEREAS,**   Students these days are very tired, and depressed due to the amount of  
5                   stress school gives them. Not only can the work take a toll on their well-  
6                   being, but so can the physical environment of being in school take a toll  
7                   on their mental health; and

8   **WHEREAS,**   Students having a total of 5 hours of school a day is better than 8 hours;  
9                   now, therefore, be it

10  **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
11                   recommendation for a nationally mandated law for school to start a 9:00  
12                   AM and end at 2:00 PM every day.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Paso High School.*



## **A Bill to Ban Alcohol Advertising to Reduce Exposure and the Desire to Drink**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Media companies may not publish advertisements promoting the  
3 consumption, sale, or purchase of alcoholic beverages.

4 **SECTION 2.** Media companies are defined as any business entity that directly or  
5 indirectly owns any interest in operating broadcast stations, cable  
6 television systems, wireless or wireline telecommunication companies,  
7 newspapers, online publications, or any other form of a public  
8 communications organization. Alcoholic beverages are defined as any  
9 drink that contains ethanol, a type of alcohol that acts as a drug and is  
10 produced by fermentation of grains, fruits, or other sources of sugar.

11 **SECTION 3.** The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) is responsible for  
12 enforcing this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented on January 1, 2025.

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

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



## A Resolution Regarding the Operation of All Terrain Vehicles

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Over the last 20 years, at least 4,500 people have been killed riding All  
2                   Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and 125,500 people suffered injuries serious  
3                   enough to send them to the emergency room in just 1 year; and  
4   **WHEREAS,**   About one third of the dead and injured since 1982 have been children  
5                   under the age of 16; and  
6   **WHEREAS,**   ATVs are capable of reaching highway speeds; and  
7   **WHEREAS,**   Many ATVs are small enough to be operated by children as young as 4  
8                   years old and many are sold specifically for school aged children who  
9                   don't have the cognitive skills or physical abilities to safely drive these  
10                  vehicles; and  
11   **WHEREAS,**   The majority of injuries are caused to recreational riders who take them  
12                  into woods, rocky terrains, and across rough trails where there is less  
13                  access to emergency medical care; and  
14   **WHEREAS,**   The safe use of ATVs requires the same or greater skill, judgement, and  
15                  experience as is needed to operate other vehicles, now, therefore, be it  
16   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the minimum age to operate  
17                  any ATV be 16. The operator must have a license with an ATV  
18                  certification. In addition, the operator will be required to wear a  
19                  motorcycle-style helmet during operation.

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



## A Bill to Offer Clinical Therapy to Convicts

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States will offer all convicts who are released from prison 2  
3 years of free clinical therapy.

4 **SECTION 2.** A convict shall be defined as an individual who has served the entirety of  
5 their sentence after being convicted of a criminal offense. Clinical  
6 therapy shall be defined as meeting with a licensed therapist in a one-on-  
7 one or group setting, once a week to treat mental or emotional issues  
8 that may be detrimental to the person's future well-being after their  
9 release.

10 **SECTION 3.** Enforcement shall be through the Federal Bureau of Prisons

11 **SECTION 4.** Implementation shall be 6 months after passage.

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

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





## **A Bill to Force Schools to Add Naptimes for Students and Staff**

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill will force all schools in the U.S. to add naptimes for students and  
3 staff.

4 **SECTION 2.** The agency that shall oversee this enforcement is the U.S. Department of  
5 Education. They shall enforce this by ensuring every school in the US  
6 allows this bill. Violations shall result in a 5000 dollar fine to the school.

7 **SECTION 3.** This law shall be enforced starting next academic year, in 2024.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Paso High School.*



## A Bill to Limit Tenure in Federal Positions

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

2 **SECTION 1.** This bill establishes mandatory retirement policies for elected and  
3 appointed officials in the federal government.

4 **SECTION 2.** Elected offices under this act are service in the U.S. House of  
5 Representatives and Senate. Appointed offices are defined as any office  
6 that requires nomination by the president and confirmation by the U.S.  
7 Senate.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice will oversee the implementation and  
9 enforcement of this bill.

10 A. Any individual whose total years of service in an elected federal  
11 position shall retire on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of their 30<sup>th</sup> year of  
12 service.

13 B. Any individual who has retired under provisions of this bill shall no  
14 longer be eligible to hold any appointed or elected federal office.

15 **SECTION 4.** This bill will take effect 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 Chapin High School.*



## A Bill Concerning Congress

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Any congressional session that results in a government shutdown will  
3 automatically result in an immediate new election of all United States  
4 Senators and Representatives.

5 **SECTION 2.** A Government shutdown shall be defined as the process the Executive  
6 Branch must enter when the U.S. Congress creates a funding gap by  
7 choosing not to or failing to pass legislation funding government  
8 operations and agencies

9 **SECTION 3.** The Judicial Branch of the government shall enforce this legislation.

10 A. In the event that congress is unable to pass legislation funding  
11 government operations and agencies, all representatives and  
12 senators shall lose their congressional seat and an election will be  
13 held within 14 days to fill their seats.

14 B. Congress men and women who lose their seat may run for re-  
15 election.

16 **SECTION 4.** Legislation will take effect immediately after passage.

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

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



## A Bill to Get Rid of the Separation of Church and State

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The line between church and government has been blurred such that the  
3 church should be allowed to invest in political campaigns and the church  
4 should be paying taxes.

5 **SECTION 2.** State taxes are a percentage of money that you pay to the state  
6 government based on the income you make at your job. Federal taxes  
7 are when the tax collected is credited to the country's government.  
8 Campaign funds are raised to promote candidates, political parties, or  
9 policy initiatives and referendums.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice and the Internal Revenue Services will be  
11 enforcing this bill.

12 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented by the end of 2024.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Del Valle High School.*



## A Bill Regarding Landfills

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Effective January 1, 2025, communities shall enforce stricter standards  
3 for rubbish, garbage, and trash disposal.

4 **SECTION 2.** Exceptions shall include rebates for appropriate participation in recycling  
5 programs.

6 **SECTION 3.** Higher fees for trash removal/disposal shall be charged to consumers.  
7 The customer shall be charged based on the amount of rubbish, garbage,  
8 or trash that would be put into landfills.

9 **SECTION 4.** Enforcement shall be through local sanitation/waste removal  
10 departments.

11 **SECTION 5.** Fines shall be charged to persons attempting to circumvent via illegal  
12 dumping or burning of trash. Fines shall also be established for  
13 inappropriate disposal of dangerous substances, chemicals, batteries, and  
14 e-waste.

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



## A Bill to Remove the tie of Attendance to Public School Funding

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Student attendance will no longer be a primary determining factor that  
3 determines the amount of government funding a public school shall  
4 receive.

5 **SECTION 2.** Attendance shall be defined as students who are marked present during  
6 the school day.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this  
8 bill by:

9 A. Allowing school districts to determine their own measuring system  
10 that is education based and shows educational growth in their  
11 population, and

12 B. Approving each campus' individualized plan of measurement to  
13 determine funding,

14 **SECTION 4.** Upon passage, schools will be given a one-year span to develop and  
15 present their growth plan.

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

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



## A Bill Regarding Optical Prescriptions

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Glasses with no prescription and colored contact lenses will have to be  
3 paid for and will not be provided by the state. People with partial sight  
4 will be provided a prescription by the state.

5 **SECTION 2.** The US government will provide “Unconfined Eye Prescription for  
6 Partially Sighted” and they will be funded by those that pay for  
7 unprescribed glasses and/or colored contact lenses by taxing them 5%  
8 yearly. If you get permitted for this funding you will receive a debit card  
9 preloaded with money to pay for eyecare.

10 **SECTION 3.** This bill will become effective upon passage.

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

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Paso High School.*



## A Bill to Make Women's Healthcare More Equitable

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Amend SEC. 2713, Subsection 4 of the Affordable Care Act by inserting  
3 the phrase "to include infertility treatments as prescribed or  
4 recommended by a licensed physician" after the words "for purposes of  
5 the paragraph".

6 **SECTION 2.** Fertility treatment is a treatment women go through to induce ovulation  
7 to assist in establishing a viable pregnancy.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Health Resources and Services Administration will administer this bill.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation takes effect July 1, 2024.

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

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





## A Resolution Regarding Concussion Protocol

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Many student athletes sustain head trauma during practice or games and  
2                   it is ignored by the athlete or coach; and
- 3   **WHEREAS,**   Concussion protocols vary from state to state; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Allowing injured athletes to continue playing could lead to permanent  
5                   loss of cognitive function; now, therefore, be it
- 6   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
7                   recommendation that a national concussion protocol be established for  
8                   student athletes that includes:
- 9                   1. Athletes who are suspected of a concussion must be immediately  
10                  removed from play,
- 11                  2. They may not resume play in the same day,
- 12                  3. They may only be returned to play after being cleared by a medical  
13                  professional.

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



## A Bill to Protect Consumers from Data Collection

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Companies that sell personal technology will now be required to offer a  
3 mandatory Opt-In option in their terms and conditions regarding data  
4 collection processes.

5 **SECTION 2.** Personal Technology shall be defined as devices and services that are to  
6 be registered and/or assigned to individuals, rather than families, groups  
7 or businesses.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and Department of Commerce will  
9 be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this  
10 legislation.

11 A. Companies will be given 2 years to implement their individual opt-in  
12 option within their terms and conditions.

13 B. Companies who do not comply after the allotted 2-year window will  
14 be fined \$500,000.00 per month until their Opt-in feature is available.

15 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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



## A Resolution to Help Overdose Victims Get Help

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   Addiction is one of the most prevalent problems the United States is  
2                   facing today. Texas is among the worst states with respect to illicit drug  
3                   use among people ages 18 years and older; and
- 4   **WHEREAS,**   Those who experience an overdose often get sent to prison for drug  
5                   paraphernalia instead of getting the help they require; and
- 6   **WHEREAS,**   Prisons are overcrowded with persons who are drug abusers who would  
7                   be better served with treatment; now, therefore, be it
- 8   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following  
9                   recommendation for overdose victims to be sent to the hospital and then  
10                  transferred to a rehabilitation center to help them recover. Funds will be  
11                  raised by the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, due to the high number  
12                  of veterans who suffer from this.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Paso High School.*



## A Resolution to Prioritize Student Mental Health

- 1   **WHEREAS,**   It is crucial to prioritize the mental health and well-being of students; and
- 2   **WHEREAS,**   Suicide is the third leading cause of death among high school aged youths
- 3                   (14-18 years). In colleges and universities in the United States, suicide is
- 4                   one of the most common causes of death among students. Each year,
- 5                   approximately 24,000 college students attempt suicide while 1,100
- 6                   students succeed in their attempt; and
- 7   **WHEREAS,**   Improving self-esteem and mental disorders will help students succeed in
- 8                   both school and life; now, therefore, be it
- 9   **RESOLVED,**   That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
- 10                  recommendation for the U.S. Department of Education shall establish
- 11                  mental health programs in schools, including counseling services,
- 12                  workshops, and awareness campaigns. Funds for these initiatives can be
- 13                  raised through partnerships with community organizations, grants, and
- 14                  reallocation of existing resources.

*Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by El Paso High School.*