

THE GEORGE STINNEY JR. ACT OF 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 Article I: The Center for Capital Punishment Research (CCPR) shall be established
3 to study the effects of capital punishment in the United States.

4 Article II: A. Once established, the CCPR shall study the effects of capital
5 punishment in the United States for a 2 year period spanning from April
6 30th, 2020 to April 30th, 2022. Once complete, the findings shall be
7 reported to congress.

8 a. The term “effects” shall be defined as capital punishment’s
9 effect on the justice system. The specifics of the research shall
10 be left to the discretion of the CCPR as it conducts its research.

11 B. 80 million dollars shall be removed from the budget of the Department
12 of Defense and used instead to fund the CCPR’s research.

13 Article III: This bill shall be implemented on March 31st, 2020.

14 Article IV: The U.S. Congress and the U.S. Department of the Treasury shall be
15 tasked with the effective implementation of this bill.

16 Article V: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Adam Chiocco

Fairview High School

A BILL TO DECREASE GUN VIOLENCE IN THE UNITED STATES

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 SECTION 1. Any individual who wants to purchase a firearm must possess a federal
3 license before their purchase. In order to obtain this license, one must pass a federal
4 background check and also pass a test on proper firearm safety and storage. Licenses will
5 cost 50 dollars to obtain and they will expire at the end of every year. All current firearm
6 owners have one month after the bill's passage to obtain their license. If any individual
7 or company sells a firearm to an individual without a license, they will be charged with a
8 fine of five million dollars.

8 SECTION 2. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Federal
9 Bureau of Investigation will each be allocated 250 million dollars every year in order to
10 implement this legislation.

11 A. The ATF will be responsible for administering the tests

12 B. The FBI will be responsible for administering the background checks.

13 SECTION 3. This legislation will be implemented beginning in the year 2021.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Deer Lakes High School

A Bill to Change the Progressive Federal Income Tax to a Flat Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Income tax in the United States will no longer be dependent on
3 household income. Instead of the current progressive system of tax
4 brackets, everyone required to pay an income tax will pay a Flat Tax,
5 determined by the IRS.

6 **SECTION 2.** Income tax shall be defined as tax levied by a government directly on
7 income, especially an annual tax on personal income. A Flat Tax shall be
8 defined as a tax system that applies the same tax rate to every taxpayer
9 regardless of their income bracket.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Internal Revenue System will oversee the enforcement of the bill.

11 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be implemented a year after its passage

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Moon Area High School

A Bill to Amend the U.S. Constitution to Include FDR's Second Bill of Rights

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Second Bill of Rights as proposed in his 1944
3 State of the Union address be adopted into the United States
4 Constitution as the 28th Amendment.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Second Bill of Rights includes the following economic rights: work,
6 food, and clothing; leisure with enough income to support themselves;
7 remunerative jobs in the industries, shops, farms, or mines of the nation;
8 enough money for adequate food, clothing and recreation; every farmer
9 to raise and sell his products at a return that provides his family a decent
10 living; every business man large and small to trade in an atmosphere of
11 freedom from unfair competition and domination of monopolies at home
12 or abroad; every family to have a decent home, adequate medical care
13 and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health; adequate
14 protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident, and
15 unemployment; and a good education.

16 **SECTION 3.** Several United States government agencies will cooperate in order to
17 oversee the enforcement of this bill.

18 A. The department for which the various rights are most relevant and
19 applicable will determine the guidelines for enforcement.

20 B. If conflicts between departments arise, the United States Congress
21 will make the final decision on the issue at hand.

22 **SECTION 4.** This bill will be fully implemented by January 2025.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by PHSSL District #4

A Bill to Raise the Full Benefit Age of Social Security to

Promote the Longevity of Social Security

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. The Social Security Administration shall raise the full benefit age for
3 Social Security to the age of 70 by the year 2040.

4 SECTION 2. "Full benefit age" shall be defined as the age at which a person may first
5 become entitled to full or unreduced retirement benefits for Social
6 Security.

7 SECTION 3. The Social Security Administration will be responsible with carrying out
8 the implementation and enforcement of these changes.

9 A. Upon the passage of this bill the full benefit age shall increase by 3
10 months for every year up to the full benefit age of 70.

11 B. This age increase shall follow the same principle of the current full
12 benefit age increase such that:

13 a. If born in 1961 the full retirement age shall be increased to 67
14 and 3 months

15 b. If born in 1962 the full retirement age shall be increased to 67
16 and 6 months

17 c. This process shall continue by this method until the full
18 retirement age is increased to 70.

19 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2022.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Mechanicsburg Area School District

**A BILL TO MANDATE ALL CHILDREN RECEIVE NECESSARY VACCINATIONS AT THE PROPER
TIME**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THIS CONGRESS:**

2 **SECTION 1.** All minors living in the U.S. will receive all vaccines recommended to them by a
3 medical professional in a timely manner suitable for them, unless otherwise
4 specified by the child's medical professional. If a minor's doctor believes that
5 receiving one or more of the recommended vaccines at a designated time is the
6 best option for the child they care for, the child's parents are legally mandated to
7 cooperate and ensure their child receives the vaccine(s) in a timely manner.

8 **SECTION 2.** Minors are considered children under 18.

9 **SECTION 3.** This law will be enforced on a national level by the U.S. government. The
10 Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) will ensure surveillance of
11 all vaccines created, tested, and administered. The Food and Drug Administration
12 (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will purchase and
13 administer all vaccines, as they do now.

14 **SECTION 4.** Once ratified, this law shall go into effect on Oct. 31 of the next fiscal year.

15 **SECTION 5.** All other laws in conflict with this law will be declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Gettysburg Area High School.

A Bill to Expand Cannabis Research and Information

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **Section 1.** The Commission on Cannabis Research shall be established to develop a
2. national cannabis research agenda that addresses lingering questions and gaps in evidence
3. pertaining to cannabis, including:
 4. A. The effectiveness of cannabis in treating various medical conditions.
 5. B. The effect of cannabis on at-risk populations, including children, the disabled,
 6. the elderly, and pregnant women.
 7. C. The long-term effects of cannabis use.
 8. D. Public safety considerations related to cannabis.
9. **Section 2.** “Cannabis” shall be defined as any part of the plant *Cannabis sativa* L.
10. “Commission” shall be defined as a nonpartisan group of 15 uncompensated medical
11. professionals and legal experts, appointed by Congress.
12. **Section 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for
13. implementing this legislation. The department shall allocate \$10 billion annually to the
14. commission to redistribute in the form of private research grants.
15. **Section 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on January 1, 2021.
16. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by

District #8

The Raise the Wage Act of 2019

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT.

2 **SECTION 1.** *The federal minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standard: Act shall incrementally be*
3 *raised to \$15 per hour. It will be raised to \$8.40 at the beginning of the fiscal year 2021 and will be*
4 *increased by \$1.10 each year after until the minimum wage reaches \$15.00 by fiscal year 2027.*

5 **SECTION 2.** A. *"Minimum wage" shall be defined as the minimum amount that an employer is*
6 *required to pay wage earners for the work performed during a given period, which cannot be reduced.*
7 B. *"Fair Labor Standards Act" shall be defined as the federal law which establishes minimum wage,*
8 *overtime pay eligibility, recordkeeping, and child labor standards affecting full-time and part-time*
9 *workers in the private sector and in federal, state, and local governments.*

10 **SECTION 3.** *The Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor shall oversee the*
11 *implementation and enforcement of this legislation.*

12 **SECTION 4.** *This legislation will be enacted in the fiscal year 2021.*

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

Respectfully submitted,

State College Area High School

PHSSL Congress Bill
Submitted by: Harriton High School

Same Day Voter Registration in PA

1. **Whereas:** Same Day Voter Registration does away with registration deadlines that
2. disenfranchise potential voters by placing deadlines 30 days before Election Day.
3. **Whereas:** Same Day Voter Registration also fixes inaccuracies in voter rolls by allowing
4. eligible voters to use Same Day Registration to correct outdated voter registration records
5. at polling places often due to a name change or change of address.
6. **Whereas:** With Same Day Voter Registration there is far less need for provisional ballot use,
7. which will thereby speed the process of recounts and audits, saving taxpayers in the long run,
8. and assuring voters that their votes will be counted.
9. **Whereas:** Same Day Voter Registration will increase voter participation as not being registered
10. to vote is the biggest impediment to voting. Same Day Registration has been proven to boost
11. voter turnout in states that have it; e.g. NH, Colorado, Montana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Maine.
12. **Whereas:** Same Day Voter Registration is the best stop-gap solution to solve errors in the
13. registration process, fix inaccuracies in voter rolls, reduce provisional ballots, and
14. increase voter participation.
15. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by this PHSSL Student Congress here assembled:
16. **That** The Pennsylvania legislature should permit Same Day Voter Registration.

1 **WHEREAS,** The People’s Republic of China is currently constructing thousands of artificial islands
2 in the South China Sea; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The South China Sea’s substantial oil reserves would give China a strategic oil
4 advantage in the region; and

5 **WHEREAS,** In the status quo, China’s increasing presence in the Sea is creating tensions with the
6 United States and 5 other countries that all stake claims in the South China Sea; and

7 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation, that the
8 United States creates a coalition with Brunei, Malaysia, The Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam; and,
9 be it

10 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** That these countries listed increase military patrols throughout the South
11 China Sea in an effort to combat China’s presence in an effort to stop further Chinese expansion in
12 the region.

13 Respectively Submitted,
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15 Sen. James Bole of St. Joseph’s Preparatory School.
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A Bill to Mandate Sexual Education in Public Schools in order to Create Comprehensive Sexual Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Every Public School in America must implement Comprehensive Sexual
3 Education as a graduation requirement.

4 **SECTION 2.** “Comprehensive Sexual Education” shall be defined as a sexual education
5 course that includes but is not limited to topics such as sexual intercourse,
6 STI’s (Sexually Transmitted Infections), Contraceptive Methods, and
7 LGBTQ+ Sexual Education.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall oversee this change in curriculum.

9 A. Schools that already include these types of sexual education do not
10 have to change their curriculum.

11 B. The Department of Education may send auditors to ensure that the
12 aforementioned rules and guidelines are being followed.

13 **SECTION 4.** Schools found in violation of this bill shall be made to pay a fine
14 determined by the Department of Education

15 **SECTION 4.** This Bill shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BY ACADEMY AT PALUMBO

A Resolution To Protect The Rights of The People of Hong Kong

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The United States has the duty of promoting human rights and
2 democracy around the globe; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The People Republic of China is assuming greater authority over the
4 government of Hong Kong starting with a proposed extradition bill ; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** As a result the people of Hong Kong staged mass protests against the bill
6 and the Chinese government in Beijing; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The Chinese government has been ruthless against the protesters
8 employing violent tactics and stripping away the rights of the people of
9 Hong Kong; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the people of Hong Kong have the
11 United States full support behind their demands; and be it
- 12 **FURTHER RESOLVED,** The United States government shall engage in diplomatic talks
13 with the Peoples Republic of China to ensure that the people of Hong
14 Kong have their previous rights are respected.

Respectfully Submitted By Unionville High School