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Middle School Legislation Packet

101. An Amendment to Institute Terms Limits to the Supreme Court

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

- 1 SECTION 1 The United States shall institute term limits for all Supreme Court Justices.
- 2 SECTION 2 "Terms" shall refer to the maximum duration during which a Supreme Court Justice may
3 hold office.
- 4 SECTION 3 A "Term" shall span 20 years from the date of a Justice's appointment to the Court, with
5 each Justice eligible for only one such Term throughout their career.
- 6 SECTION 4 Any incumbent Supreme Court Justice shall serve out the remainder of their Term if it
7 doesn't exceed 20 years.
- 8 A. Justices with Terms exceeding 20 years shall vacate their seats within three
9 months of this bill's enactment.
- 10 SECTION 5 The Department of Justice shall establish a new division, The Term Implementation and
11 Enforcement Division (TIED), tasked with overseeing and enforcing Term limits.
- 12 A. TIED's jurisdiction does not only apply to the Supreme Court but also for future
13 presidential or inter-branch Term-related changes.
- 14 SECTION 6 This legislation shall become effective immediately upon passage, allowing a two-week
15 grace period for implementation.
- 16 SECTION 7 All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Lyndon Saylor Cravero, Oak View Middle School

102. A Bill to require a Choking and CPR Certified Personnel on Staff at a Restaurant.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

1 SECTION 1 THE State of Florida will hereby require restaurants to have a choking and CPR certified
2 person on duty when patrons are on the property.

3 SECTION 2 In the event of noncompliance dining establishments may be subject to penalties as
4 follows:

5 A. \$100 on the first violation, \$200 on the second, etc.

6 B. if violations exceed \$2000, they will have to close until they meet the
7 requirements.

8 C. Revocation of their license. If an establishment is in violation of this law, they
9 shall be allowed to have a twenty-day time frame to demonstrate their
10 compliments.

11 SECTION 3 This bill will be monitored by the Florida Department of Health. The DOH will train the
12 staff member(s) to know CPR and be choking certified. Classes will be available online
13 and in person.

14 SECTION 4 This legislation will come into action on June 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with this bill are
15 hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Jayden White, Ponce De Leon School

103. A Bill to Implement a Federal Stand Your Ground Law

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1 A Stand Your Ground Law shall be federally implemented in order to ensure that citizens
2 enjoy the right to the lawful defense of themselves, their property, and others.

3 SECTION 2 A Stand Your Ground Law shall be defined as a law that shields a person from
4 prosecution and/or civil liability for the use or threatened use of force if he or she
5 reasonably believes that such force is necessary to defend himself or herself or another
6 from imminent death, great bodily harm, or the commission of a forcible felony, so long
7 as the person using such force is not engaged in criminal activity and is in a place where
8 he or she has a legal right to be. This includes all force, including deadly force.

9 SECTION 3 A person defending himself or herself or another as described in Section 2 shall not be
10 bound by any duty to retreat, and a failure to retreat shall not form the basis of any
11 prosecution or civil penalty for the use of force under these circumstances.
12 For the purposes of this legislation, a "duty to retreat" refers to the legal principle that a
13 person has an affirmative duty to back away or flee from a threatening situation if
14 reasonably possible rather than attempting self-defense by force.

15 SECTION 4 This legislation shall take effect immediately after its passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Nolan Childres, Randall Middle School

104. A Bill to Require DNA Evidence for Death Penalty Sentencing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

- 1 SECTION 1 No convicted criminal shall be sentenced to the death penalty unless DNA evidence
2 linking the criminal to the crime comprises a central element to conviction.
- 3 SECTION 2 The judge overseeing the case shall determine if DNA comprises a central element to the
4 conviction.
- 5 SECTION 3 Any inmate currently sentenced to death and awaiting the completion of that sentence
6 whose conviction was not significantly predicated on DNA evidence shall have their
7 sentence commuted to life in prison. District attorneys with jurisdiction in the court
8 where the crime was originally tried shall be responsible for making determinations and
9 shall have one year from the passage of this legislation to do so.
- 10 SECTION 4 This legislation shall be overseen by the Department of Justice.
11 A. Judges found in violation of this legislation shall be subject to impeachment
- 12 SECTION 5 This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
13 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashton Carter, Sims Middle School

105. A Bill to Strengthen the Southern Border to Restrict Illegal Immigration

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

- 1 SECTION 1 This bill will allocate an increased amount of United States currency to Texas border
2 control for the purpose of enforcing public order and safety at Shelby Park of Eagle Pass,
3 Texas. The total amount of funding shall amount to a total of 1.2 billion dollars and may
4 be spent however deemed necessary by the USBP in order to maintain public safety.
- 5 SECTION 2 The funds Allocated to the bill should be assigned to the State of Texas by the United
6 States Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- 7 SECTION 3 Enforcement of this bill shall be carried out by the United States Border Patrol (USBP),
8 who are overseen by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The Bureau of
9 Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor may council the State of Texas in its spending to
10 ensure safety for both USBP agents and immigrants.
- 11 SECTION 4 This legislation will be placed into effect as of June 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this
12 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Tai Gauthier, Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences

106. A Bill to Prevent Members of Congress from Owning Individual Stocks

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED

- 1 SECTION 1 his law will prevent all members of Congress and their immediate families from being
2 allowed to own individual stocks. Members of Congress should be prohibited from
3 purchasing individual stocks because the confidential information gained in office could
4 unfairly benefit them through owning related companies. However, members of
5 Congress will be allowed to invest in collections of stocks, such as mutual funds and
6 exchange traded funds (ETFs).
- 7 SECTION 2 An individual stock is a portion of ownership of a single company. A collection of stocks is
8 ownership of a group of companies, where the companies in the collection cannot be
9 selected by individuals investing in the collection.
- 10 SECTION 3 Any Representatives or Senators and their immediate families currently holding
11 individual stocks will have 90 days after this bill is implemented to sell. Any use of trading
12 information with individuals not in Congress will also be seen as a direct violation to this
13 bill and will be a felony if proven guilty in a court of law. Any individuals not compliant to
14 this bill will receive a fine equal to 1% of their total individual stock holdings every month
15 for six months, after which they will be removed from Congress.
- 16 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on June 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
17 hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Amelia Shea, Oak View Middle School

107. A Bill to Protect Women and Girls in Sports

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 SECTION 1 To provide for the purposes of determining compliance with Title IX of the Education
2 Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex shall be recognized solely based on a person's
3 reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

4 A. Title IX shall be amended in Section 901 by adding the following:

5 (d)(l) It shall be a violation of subsection (a) for a recipient of federal funds who operates,
6 sponsors, or facilitates athletic programs or activities to permit a person whose sex is
7 male to participate in an athletic program or activity that is designated for women or
8 girls.

9 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's
10 reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

11 SECTION 2 Athletic program is defined as any club, interscholastic or intermural athletic activity,
12 whether individual or team oriented, that is developed and offered by the school or
13 district to female students competing against other females, personal records, or other
14 female teams.

15 B. Reproductive biology at birth is determined by the presence of ovaries or testicles at
16 birth.

17 C. Genetics is determined by the presence of a Y chromosome at birth.

18 SECTION 3 The United States Department of Education, in conjunction with state
19 education departments, shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.

20 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024. All laws in conflict with this legislation
21 are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Maliha Smith, Sims Middle School

108. A Bill to Promote Mental Health Education in Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 SECTION 1 All public and private schools within the jurisdiction of this legislation shall integrate
2 mental health education into their program and curriculum for 2 years. This education
3 shall cover topics such as stress management, coping mechanisms, and recognizing signs
4 of mental illness.
- 5 SECTION 2 For the purpose of this legislation, "mental health education" shall be defined as learning
6 activities aimed at increasing understanding, awareness, and resilience related to mental
7 health issues. "Stress management" shall be defined as education of a variety of
8 strategies that a student can use to manage or reduce stress levels and "coping
9 mechanisms" shall be defined as strategies used to reduce unpleasant emotions.
- 10 SECTION 3 The Department of Education shall oversee enforcement of this legislation. The
11 enforcement procedures shall include repeated reviews of the school curricular,
12 provision of resources and training for educators on the subject, and collaboration with
13 mental health professionals to receive help on the subject.
- 14 SECTION 4 This legislation will take effect at the beginning of the next academic year following its
15 enactment. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Timofei Sobolev, Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences