

**Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Afterschool Congress**



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**Legislative Docket**

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## **An Amendment to the Fair Housing Act**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED  
THAT:

SECTION 1. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 is amended by adding “citizenship status,” after “familial status,” whenever it appears to describe a protected class. Retaliation upon a member of this protected class, including threats to notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement, shall be considered the same as retaliation against any other protected class under this act.

SECTION 2. “Citizenship status” refers to legal status within the country, whether documented or undocumented.

SECTION 3. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shall enforce this definition. The Department shall have the power to sanction property owners for violations of section one using the same penalties as proscribed for other violations of Title VIII.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

## **A Bill to Encourage Bilingual Education Programs**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED  
THAT:

SECTION 1. The Department of Education shall make \$2 billion in grants available for states which either currently offer or will commit to the use of bilingual education programs to educate all students not currently proficient in spoken English.

SECTION 2. Bilingual education programs are those which provide instruction in English as well as the students' spoken languages. This method is used to develop student literacy in both languages.

SECTION 3. The Department of Education shall administer the grant program. Grants shall be awarded upon demonstrated proof that the state has adopted bilingual education programs as a primary means of English proficiency instruction. Grants may be renewed if the state is able to demonstrate growth on state-based English proficiency assessments. Funding shall be taken from existing Title 1 funding.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect on September 1, 2023.

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

## **A Bill to Fix Puerto Rico's Concerns**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED  
THAT:

SECTION 1. Puerto Rico shall be granted full statehood.

SECTION 2. Initial representation in Congress will consist of two senators and one representative, with proportional representation to be determined by the 2020 census results.

SECTION 3. The Department of Treasury shall immediately discharge Puerto Rican debt related to pension liabilities and bonds. Additionally, the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall make \$100 billion available for rebuilding infrastructure and utilities.

SECTION 4. This shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

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

## **A Bill to Recoup Remittances**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED  
THAT:

SECTION 1. Remittance payments from the United States to countries in Central and South America shall be subject to a 50% export tax.

SECTION 2. A remittance payment shall be defined as a transfer of funds from a personal account hosted in a United States bank to a personal account hosted by a bank in another country. This shall not include funds as the result of international business dealings.

SECTION 3. The Department of Treasury will administer the collection of the tax and shall oversee the distribution of the proceeds into the United States general fund.

11 SECTION 4. This shall take effect on October 1, 2023.

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