

# AST/MAST Championship Legislation 2023 - 2024

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### **SESSION 1: The Border Protection Act**

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	The United States shall reform border policy:
3		A. The U.S. shall reinstitute The Migrant Protection Protocols and Title 42
4		B. The U.S. shall deploy 25,000 Border Patrol and ICE agents to the
5		southern U.S Mexico border.
6		C. The U.S. Border Patrol and ICE shall cooperate with the U.S. military to
7		secure the U.S Mexico border.
8	SECTION 2.	The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the U.S. Department of
9		Defense (DoD) shall oversee the implementation and the enforcement of
10		this piece of legislation.
11		A. The U.S. military shall conduct military operations upon sovereign
12		territory of the United States of America as seen fit by the DoD.
13		B. Military action upon the sovereign territory of Mexico is permitted
14		only if the lives of U.S. servicemen are directly and immediately at risk.
15	SECTION 3.	The General Services Administration, in collaboration with the
16		Department of Energy, shall be tasked with implementing this legislation.
17	SECTION 4.	This legislation shall go into effect the following Fiscal Year after passage.
18	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
19	Introduced fo	or Congressional Debate.

### **SESSION 1: A Bill to Replenish Blood Banks**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
- 2 **SECTION 1.** Any individual over the age of 16 years old that is eligible to donate blood
- will receive a federal tax credit for the calendar year they donate.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Individuals that donate must meet the standards to safely donate
- 5 outlined by the Red Cross Administration.
- 6 **SECTION 3.** The National Institute of Health will jointly assist the IRS to enforce this
- 7 bill.
- A. The tax credit for the first pint donated every year will be granted a 5%
- 9 federal tax deduction for the current tax year and will receive an
- additional 1% tax credit for every pint donated in succession.
- B. The IRS and National Institute of Health will uphold this legislation until
- they deem that the country is no longer in a national blood shortage.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect beginning immediately following passage.
- **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
- 15 Introduced for Congressional Debate.

## **SESSION 1: A Bill to Improve Public Transportation**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2	SECTION 1.	The United States will expand and improve public transportation
3		networks across the nation, including the funding for new bus and rail
4		lines and the introduction of environmentally friendly transportation
5		options.
6	SECTION 2.	For the purposes of this Act:
7		A. Public transportation networks include bus, rail, and other forms of
8		mass transit available to the public.
9		B. Environmentally friendly transportation options refer to transportation
10		means that significantly reduce or eliminate emissions, such as electric
11		buses.
12		C. Infrastructure improvements encompass upgrades to existing
13		transportation facilities, construction of new routes and stations, and
14		enhancements to ensure accessibility and efficiency.
15	SECTION 3.	The U.S. Department of the Office of Management and Budget will
16		oversee implementation of this legislation.
17		A. During a government shutdown, furloughed government employees
18		are prohibited from even checking their e-mail from home. Many
19		agencies require employees to return their government-issued electronic
20		devices for the duration of the shutdown.
21		B. The Department of Transportation (DoT) shall oversee the
22		enforcement and implementation of this bill.

23		1. The DoT will decide the allocation of federal grants, oversee
24		infrastructure projects, and conduct regular audits to ensure the
25		effective use of funds.
26		2. The DoT will coordinate with state and local governments to
27		identify critical areas for public transportation expansion and
28		improvement.
29	SECTION 4.	This Act shall take effect beginning on July 1, 2024. The DoT will develop
30		a detailed implementation schedule within six months of the Act's
31		passage, prioritizing areas with the greatest need for public
32		transportation improvements.
33	SECTION 6.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void

Introduced for Congressional Debate.

### **SESSION 2: A Bill to Streamline the U.S. Military**

- BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT: 1 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Government Accountability Office shall submit a report to the US 2 Congress for the purpose of reducing appropriations to the US Department of 3 Defense for the next fiscal year. 4 **SECTION 2.** The report produced by the U.S. Government Accountability Office shall 5 have the following objectives: 6 A. Determining which programs have inflated budgets and how to 7 streamline spending. 8 B. Recommending which military assets to retire without increasing 9 national security risk. 10 C. Establishing potential military assets that could modernize and replace 11 current assets, to reduce procurement costs and operation and maintenance 12 costs. 13 SECTION 3. The U.S. Government Accountability Office shall oversee the implementation 14 of this legislation. 15
- **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be enacted immediately upon passage.
- SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
- 19 Introduced for Congressional Debate.

### **SESSION 2: Teacher Diversity and Retention Act**

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**SECTION 1.** Competitive grants shall be awarded to institutions of higher education which 2 have a teacher or school leader preparation program and serve predominantly 3 racially diverse, socioeconomically diverse, or gender diverse populations. 4 A. These grants will establish Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence at these 5 institutions for the purposes of recruitment, training, and retention of diverse 6 candidates into the teaching profession. 7 **SECTION 2.** Grants shall be provided to each state department of education, and the 8 institutions described in Section 1 for the development of social and emotional 9 learning training. 10 A. All states shall require certification in social and emotional learning as part of 11 their full teacher certification. All teacher preparation programs must include 12 social and emotional learning as a requirement for graduation. Failure to do so 13 will result in the forfeiture of future grant funding. 14 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Education will oversee the development of these programs and 15 shall annually report to Congress as to their effectiveness. 16 A. The programs shall receive an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for each of the 17 next five fiscal years. 18 SECTION 4. This shall take effect at the start of the 2024-2025 school year. 19 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. 20 Introduced for Congressional Debate. 21

## SESSION 2: A Resolution to Prohibit Former Congress Members from Becoming Lobbyists

1	WHEREAS,	Partaking in lobbying after leaving office inspires corruption and increases
2		special interest groups' hold on the legislative assembly; and
3	WHEREAS,	38.5% of Congress members that did not seek reelection in the 2018 midterms
4		became lobbyists; and
5	WHEREAS,	The political system is already corrupted by large campaign contributions and
6		the great amount of influence K Street has over politicians; and
7	WHEREAS,	Allowing former office holders to make a fortune off of their access to current
8		members of Congress further destabilizes American democracy; now, therefore,
9		be it
10	RESOLVED,	By the Congress here assembled that all those who serve in Congress from this
11		date forward be prohibited from taking part in any lobbying activity after their
12		retirement from the House or Senate.
13	Introduced fo	or Congressional Debate.

# SESSION 3: Swedish F.I.S.H. (Federal Institutes for Societal Healing)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT 1 Section 1: Federal prisons shall reform based upon the following guidelines. 2 A. Prison workers shall henceforth serve a dual purpose of enforcer and social 3 worker. 4 B. Rehabilitation services shall be provided at every federal prison. 5 C. Federal prisons shall follow Sweden's example of security levels, and over time 6 prisoners shall be reassigned and infrastructure shall be updated to fit 7 requirements to meet and adhere to the security level system. 8 D. Prisoners shall have access to educational services while serving 9 Prison workers and enforcers shall be defined as correctional officers or other Section 2: 10 guarding. personnel who interact with inmates. Social workers shall be defined 11 as those who aid inmates with preparation for re-entry into society. 12 A. The aforementioned security levels are defined as a system in which prisoners 13 14 shall be assigned to specific prison facilities based on their assessed risk. B. Specifics shall be defined by the actors of this bill. 15 C. Anything not specifically defined is assumed under the First Step Act. 17. 16 Section 3: This legislation shall be enforced by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) in 17 combination with the Department of Justice (DOJ). 18 A. The DOJ shall create a 5% income tax on private prisons. 19 B. \$50 million per year shall be provided under Program Changes in The Salaries 20 and Expenses (S&E) appropriation. 21

- Section 4: This legislation shall be effective immediately upon passing. Completion of
- infrastructure changes shall be required by January 1st, 2026.
- Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.
- 25 Introduced for Congressional Debate.

## **SESSION 3: A Resolution to End Global Economic Tyranny**

1	WHEREAS,	The collapse of Sri Lanka was partly due to China's predatory loan practices
2		through the Belt and Road Initiative; and
3	WHEREAS,	Many countries are currently involved and being exploited through the Belt and
4		Road Initiative; and
5	WHEREAS,	China's predatory loan practices may lead to additional global economic turmoil;
6		and
7	WHEREAS,	This nation has a global obligation to protect the governments of the world from
8		collapse and exploitation; now, therefore, be it
9	RESOLVED,	By the Congress here assembled, that the United States will, through further
10		binding legislation, offer to pay off a nation's debt to China if they:
11		A. agree to not renew any existing economic agreements with China,
12		B. enter into an exclusive economic agreement with the United States, and
13		C. allow the placement of U.S. Armed Forces in the spirit of existing international
14		U.S. bases in their nation should the United States deem it necessary for national
15		and regional security, and be it
16	FURTHER RES	<b>SOLVED,</b> that the Congressional Committee on Foreign Affairs in collaboration with
17		the Department of State and Department of Defense will identify which
18		countries are eligible to receive this deal.
19	Introduced fo	or Congressional Debate.

# SESSION 3: A Bill to Protect the Youth's Access to Higher Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

Federal student loans will no longer be distributed to students who attend a Section 1: 2 college or university that increases their annual fees more than the consumer 3 price index as an incentive to lower tuition prices. 4 Section 2: The following terms are defined as: 5 A. "Federal student loans" shall be defined as money borrowed by students and 6 7 parents/guardians from the federal government to help pay for one's higher education, that must be repaid with interest. 8 B. "Annual fees" shall be defined as the total yearly cost of a college or university 9 education including the total cost of yearly tuition and any other fees the 10 campus may charge with respect to parking, activity center use, or any other 11 school-sponsored activity including sporting events. 12 C. "Consumer price index" shall be defined as a measure of the average change 13 in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. 14 Section 3: The U.S. Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this bill. 15 Section 4: This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2025. 16 Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void. 17

18 Introduced for Congressional Debate.