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Congressional Debate Docket



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A

Financial Literacy Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Mandatory Financial Literacy classes will be implemented in each high
2 school nationwide as a mandatory math credit to ensure high schoolers
3 understand how to be financially responsible when they become adults.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Financial Literacy Classes will be defined as classes that involve the units of
5 how to do taxes, spend and save money responsibly, banking, budgeting,
6 introduction to cryptocurrency and stocks, debt management, and
7 investing.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education will oversee the implementation of this
9 legislation.
- 10 A. Any necessary funding with the limit of \$10,000 needed to enact this
11 class will be given to each high school under this Department.
- 12 B. If there is any issue with funding in regards with the Department of
13 Education, the Department of Treasury will aid with funding.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All laws in conflict with this
15 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Delta High School.

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A Bill to Prohibit the Teaching of Religious Texts in Public Schools

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** It shall be hereby prohibited for teachers to present the contents of
2 religious text as fact and teach the details of religious text in classroom
3 curriculum in public schools.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Religious texts shall be defined as a sacred document that is central to the
5 beliefs and practices of a particular religion such as the Bible, the Torah, the
6 Qur'an, and more.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education in collaboration with the Department of
8 Justice shall oversee the implementation of this legislation.
- 9 A. Teachers found in violation of this legislation shall either have their
10 teaching license revoked or lose their teaching position at their current
11 school of employment depending on the severity of the violation.
- 12 B. If a school is found in violation of this legislation they will have their
13 federal funding docked.
- 14 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on February 1, 2025. All laws in conflict with
15 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jazzper Madans of Summit High School.



A Bill to Implement Progressive Traffic Ticketing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Progressive Traffic Ticketing will increase wage equality within communities
2 based on the state's traffic laws. A person violating regional traffic laws
3 would be ticketed and fined based on income according to their most
4 recent tax forms and brackets. Teenagers who have not filed taxes will be
5 fined based on their parent's income. The maximum penalty will align with
6 current ticket prices, ensuring the legislation benefits everyone by making
7 tickets more affordable for low-income individuals while preventing
8 overreach on higher-income earners. A minimum fine of \$20 will be
9 established. If you make below the living wage in your state the ticket price
10 will drop 10% for every 10k you make below the living wage

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12 **SECTION 2.** Progressive Automobile Ticketing shall be defined as fining individuals who
13 commit a traffic violation according to their income determined by the
14 Internal Revenue Service. The traffic violation fine will increase in
15 correspondence to income. Regional traffic laws are regulations governing
16 road use and traffic behavior within a specific geographic area, such as a
17 city, county, or state. These laws can include speed limits, rules for vehicle
18 operation, parking regulations, and specific regulations for certain types of
19 vehicles or roadways.

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21 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice, Department of Transportation, and the Internal
22 Revenue Service would oversee the enforcement and fining.
23 A. According to their most recent tax forms and brackets, the Internal
24 Revenue Service would inform the Department of Justice how much to
25 fine an individual who violates regional traffic laws.

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SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Palisade High School.



A Bill to Improve Healthcare Transparency

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** All hospitals and clinics shall disclose their pricing information on their
2 websites, including a list of common services, procedures, and estimated
3 total costs. All hospitals and clinics shall publicly post their average wait
4 times for appointments, procedures, and emergency care. All hospitals and
5 clinics shall post their most recent patient satisfaction survey results on
6 their websites.
- 7 **SECTION 2.** Pricing Information shall refer to the cost of services provided and any
8 associated out-of-pocket costs. Wait Times shall refer to the time a patient
9 must wait before receiving care. Patient Satisfaction Ratings shall refer to
10 survey-based assessments of the quality of care received by patients,
11 including factors such as communication with providers, wait times,
12 cleanliness, and overall experience.
- 13 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall establish
14 standardized guidelines for reporting pricing, wait times, and patient
15 satisfaction data. HHS shall create an online public platform, accessible to
16 all consumers, that gathers data from hospitals and clinics across the
17 country.
- 18 A. The Department of Health and Human Services shall be responsible for
19 enforcing the transparency requirements.
- 20 B. Healthcare facilities that fail to comply with the provisions of this bill
21 will be subject to the following penalties: (1) A written warning and a
22 30-day compliance period for the first violation. (2) A monetary fine of
23 \$10,000 per month for each subsequent month of non-compliance. (3)
24 Public disclosure of facilities that repeatedly fail to meet transparency
25 standards.
- 26 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026. All laws in conflict with
27 this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Audrey Tatro of Eagle Valley High School.



A Bill to Abolish Gifted and Talented Programs to Embolden Opportunities for Equal Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall hereby prohibit the usage of Gifted and Talented programs in all
3 public-school districts. All grants previously gifted to state educational agencies (SEAs) and
4 local educational agencies (LEAs) concerning Gifted and Talented programs shall be
5 remarked as funding for SEAs and LEAs to use as needed to address critical infrastructure.

6 **SECTION 2.** "Gifted and Talented programs" shall be defined as curricular programs that distinguish
7 group(s) of students as high performing relative to other students. This includes all
8 programs previously defined by the Jacob K. Javits Gifted & Talented Student Education Act
9 of 1988.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education and the Well-Rounded Education Programs Office shall
11 oversee implementation of this legislation in the following ways:

- 12 A. The Department of Education shall identify school districts in non-compliance with
13 this legislation and reduce the federal funding these school districts receive by ten
14 percent each year until all federal funding has been eliminated.
- 15 B. The Well-Rounded Education Programs Office shall reroute funding for research
16 associated with Gifted and Talented programs toward funding general elementary
17 education research.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2024.

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



A Resolution to Free Puerto Rico from Colonial Rule

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Puerto Rico is a United States territory, entirely denied political representation in the
2 Federal government; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** One-sided exploitative policies such as the Jones Act have been used to extract economic
4 value from the Puerto Rican people, stifling prosperity and financial stability; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The United States has a history of suppressing independence movements throughout the
6 20th century, including by banning independence parties and opposition to federal
7 mandates; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Statehood and the accompanying political representation is insufficient to change the
9 systematic exploitative and illiberal policies enforced by the U.S. Federal Government; now,
10 therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** By the Congress here assembled that the United States call a referendum of Puerto Rican
12 voters to decide between complete independence or free association with the United
13 States to be held at the discretion of the territorial legislature of Puerto Rico.