



Elementary Legislation 2nd Semester, Winter/Spring 2026

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY: A Bill to Ban Microtransactions in Video Games Marketed to Minors

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. All video games marketed to individuals under the age of 18 shall be prohibited from including microtransactions, in-game purchases, or other paid digital content that affects gameplay, progression, or competitive advantage.

SECTION 2. The following definitions shall be used in this legislation:

A. A “minor” is a person under the age of 18 years old.

B. A “microtransaction” is any digital purchase under \$25 that provides a gameplay or aesthetic benefit, such as but not limited to loot boxes, pay-to-win upgrades, additional attempts, limited or cosmetic items, in-game currency, battle passes, and expansion packs.

C. “Marketed to minors” refers to any video game rated “E”, “E10+”, or “T” by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB).

SECTION 3. This legislation will be overseen by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

A. Companies violating this legislation shall face fines up to \$2 million per title or 5% of annual revenue, whichever is greater.

B. Revenue collected will be allocated to a Digital Wellness Education Fund administered by the NTIA.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY: A Resolution to Increase the Reliability of News Coverage

WHEREAS, News reporting used to be a non-profit public service provided to inform the public; and

WHEREAS, The introduction of the profit motive in news reporting has led to biased news coverage designed to get viewers or clicks for advertising revenue rather than educating the public with facts; and

WHEREAS, Bias news coverage has led to untrustworthy news stories, fake news, alt-news, and rumors masquerading as news; and

WHEREAS, Such profit driven news coverage has led to problems like misinformation, confirmation bias, and a more polarized electorate; and

WHEREAS, Polls are showing an increasing distrust of the media; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that all major news outlets to maintain a separate, nonprofit, news division and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That said news divisions, stations, and/or companies will prioritize reporting facts over opinions and strive to educate the public based on truth and reality using provable evidence rather than focusing on revenue.

Introduced for Congressional Debate.

MARCH/APRIL: A Bill to Abolish Plea Bargaining

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The practice of plea bargaining in criminal cases is hereby abolished.

3 **SECTION 2.** Plea bargaining shall be defined as an arrangement between a prosecutor and a
4 defendant whereby the defendant pleads guilty to a lesser charge in exchange
5 for a more lenient sentence.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice (DOJ) will oversee the implementation of this bill.

7 **SECTION 4.** This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2027.

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

9 *Introduced for Congressional Debate.*

MARCH/APRIL: A Bill to Ban the Payment of College Athletes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1: As athletics are a non-mandatory element of a college education and one which provides clear non-monetary benefits to students who participate, the financial compensation of college athletes is hereby unconditionally prohibited.

SECTION 2: This prohibition shall apply to all students competing on teams that are officially affiliated with a specific college or university, regardless of the size, popularity, and competitiveness of the league(s) in which a team competes.

SECTION 3: This legislation shall be overseen by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

SECTION 4: This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate.