

Round 1

MANDATORY KINDERGARTEN

Disclaimer: Argue this legislation as if it has not already been adjudicated by any congress. Argue it based on its merits.

The Student Congress here assembled finds and declares the following:

Under existing law, a person between the ages of 6 and 18 years is subject to compulsory full-time education. Existing law also requires a child who will have their 6th birthday on or before September 1 of the school year to be admitted to the first grade of an elementary school. Education before age 6 is voluntary. The intent of this bill is to add one year of compulsory schooling to the education code by extending the minimum age of enrollment to age five.

Therefore, the Student Congress here assembled enacts the following:

Section 1. *Beginning with the 2024–25 school year, a child shall complete one year of either public or private kindergarten before that child may be admitted to the first grade of a public elementary school, including a charter school.*

Section 2. Funding. *The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. This bill provides that reimbursement for those costs shall be made.*

A Bill to Lower the Drinking Age in California to 18

1. **Section 1:** *Be it enacted by this Student Congress that*
2. *The drinking age in California will be lowered from 21 years old to 18 years old to encourage safer drinking habits.*
3. *The term drinking age will be defined as the age where it is legal to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages.*
4. *The term alcoholic beverage will be defined as any liquor (fermented) or ethanol, including but not limited to wine, beer, spirits, and seltzers.*
5. **Section 2:** *This bill will be enforced by the California State Government, and police stations will hold the responsibility implementing the new restriction.*
6. **Section 4:** *This legislation will take effect January 1st of 2022. All laws/statutes in contradiction with this legislation will be declared null and void.*

Round 2

A BILL TO END THE WAR ON DRUGS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The use of any drug, regardless of schedule, shall be decriminalized.
2 Cannabis shall be legalized medicinally for those above the age of 16 and
3 recreationally for those above the age of 21, and any non-violent drug
4 offender shall be immediately exonerated. Any drug currently requiring a
5 prescription will still require one.
- 6 **SECTION 2.** (A) Decriminalized is defined as ceasing to treat something as illegal or as a
7 criminal offense.
8 (B) Legalized is defined as permitted under law, available for public
9 purchase.
10 (C) Medicinally is defined as used for medical purposes, prescribed by a
11 licensed physician.
12 (D) Exonerated is defined as absolving from blame for a fault or wrongdoing
13 and subsequently being released from prison.
14 (E) Non-violent Drug offender is defined as persons that have possession of
15 drugs or have consumed illegal substances but are not inherently violent.
- 16 **SECTION 3.** The Drug Enforcement Agency and the Food and Drug Administration shall
17 oversee the implementation of this legislation. The Department of Justice
18 shall ensure compliance with the states. The Department of Health and
19 Human Services shall establish help centers to assist those who are
20 addicted to drugs.
- 21 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2023. All laws in conflict with this
22 legislation are hereby declared null and void.

A Resolution to Urge Further Action on Improving Electric Grid Storage Capacity

Whereas, The most popular clean energy generation alternatives to fossil fuel based ones are intermittent; and

Whereas, Intermittent sources of energy requires large amounts of storage to be able to offset other sources of energy; and

Whereas, The burning of fossil fuels is a primary cause of climate change, which is an existential threat; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Student Congress here assembled that: current and future water reservoirs should be modified such that they have the ability to store and release electricity; and, be it

Further Resolved, that one way this can be achieved is by constructing separate reservoirs at different altitudes, and using pumps and turbines to transfer water between reservoirs.

Round 3

A Resolution to End American Colonialism

1. Whereas United States territories are overseen by the Federal government of the
2. United States and under American sovereignty, and
3. Whereas these territories are denied the right to vote in the United States Presidential
4. elections, and
5. Whereas citizens of territories pay federal taxes, and
6. Whereas territories lack equal representation under the United States government,
7. and
- 8.. Whereas being a territory hinders political and economic growth,
9. Be it resolved by the Student Congress here assembled that all United States
10. territories be granted statehood in the United States of America.

A Resolution to Allow Teenagers Medical Autonomy for Sex-Change Operations

Where as most states now set the age of consent for sex change surgery at 18, and

Whereas normally children are aware of feelings of sexual identity starting in their pre-teens, and by the age of 16, they generally have a sense of their sexual identity, and

Whereas making adolescents wait the extra two years from 16 to 18 for sex change surgery, should they require it, will in most cases not result in a revised opinion of sexual identity, but will be overly punitive and without beneficial effect.

Therefore be it resolved that teenagers should be able to obtain sex-change surgery without parental consent.