

**State Qualifying Congress Bill Submissions 2023**  
**Docket to be announced at tournament**

**A Bill to Eliminate Commercial Parking Requirements**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

**1 Section 1:** The minimum parking space requirement for commercial, industrial, other  
**2 non-residential, and residential parking be eliminated as per California Building Code.**

**3 Section 2:** Minimum parking space requirement will be defined as the minimum number of  
**4 parking spaces that must be provided when building commercial, industrial, other**  
**5 non-residential, and residential buildings.**

**6 Section 3:** This legislation will be enforced by the California Building Standards Commission,  
**7 Building Control Authority, and the Department of General Services.**

**8 Section 4:** This bill will go into effect January 1, 2024. Any current building projects will be  
**9 subject to previous building code.**

**10 Section 5:** All legislation in conflict with this bill will be considered null and void.

**A Resolution to Amend Article II of the U.S. Constitution**

**1 WHEREAS** Presidents have historically used the power to pardon for monetary or  
**2 political incentive rather than rightful amnesty and;**

**3 WHEREAS** the current lack of restrictions on the pardon power make both the  
**4 Executive and Legislative branches vulnerable to political corruption and;**

**5 WHEREAS** citizens who hold public office in the United States must be held  
**6 accountable for their actions no matter how severe; therefore,**

**7 BE IT RESOLVED** by the Student Congress here assembled that the Constitution of the  
**8 United States shall be amended so that Article II, section ii, clause 1**  
**9 prohibits the President from granting any form of clemency to members of**  
**10 Congress, members of their cabinet, close advisors, family or one's self.**

## **A Bill to Yield on Our Nation's Promise**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1           **SECTION 1.** The United States shall both provide an expedient path to
- 2           citizenship for all individuals currently eligible under the program criteria
- 3           of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and shall amend the
- 4           Immigration Act of 1990 to increase its 'diversity visa' quota from 50,000
- 5           to a minimum of 500,000 individual allotments per year.
- 6           **SECTION 2.** The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program refers
- 7           to the executive order from the Obama administration's Secretary of
- 8           Homeland Security titled "Exercising Prosecutorial Discretion with Respect
- 9           to Individuals Who Came to the United States as Children". The
- 10          Immigration Act of 1990's 'diversity visa' quota refers to the 'green card
- 11          lottery' process, wherein individuals through random application around the
- 12          world are permitted to gain a Permanent Residency Card to live and work
- 13          in the United States freely.
- 14          **SECTION 3.** The United States Department of State, in conjunction with
- 15          the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services agency shall
- 16          oversee this policy. Yearly reports will be provided to the Senate Committee
- 17          on the Judiciary to ensure oversight of this program.
- 18          **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect in FY 2024.

## **A Bill to Expand Geothermal Energy in the United States**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT

2 **Section 1.** The United States federal government will increase the current funding for  
3 grants focused on the research, development, and implementation of renewable  
4 energy in the United States by 250 million dollars. Institutions and companies  
5 must focus on the use of geothermal energy to be eligible for the new grants.

6 **Section 2.** Funding will be appropriated by the United States Congress.

7 **Section 3.** The Department of Energy Office of Science will oversee the  
8 implementation of this bill by utilizing its current grant system for renewable  
9 energy development.

10 **Section 4.** This legislation will go into effect March 1, 2024.

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

## **A Bill to Invest in Namibia's Oil Fields**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** For the next ten years, Congress shall direct \$1 billion annually to Namibia to be utilized  
3 to help that nation take advantage of its recently discovered offshore oil reserves.

4 **SECTION 2.** The Department of State will oversee this legislation and in particular to work actively  
5 and carefully with Namibia to promote the equitable distribution of the wealth produced from  
6 these oil fields among the Namibian people.

7 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be drawn from a 0.5% tariff increase on imports of oil  
8 and petroleum products.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

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

## **A Bill to Mandate Sexual Education in Grades K-12**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 SECTION 1. Sexual education must be taught in all schools that receive federal funding  
3 beginning at grade K and going through grade 12. Curriculum will be developed so that  
4 materials will be age appropriate and foundational principles will cross over from grade level  
5 to grade level. The curriculum must not discriminate against any sexual orientation or gender,  
6 and must be based in science.

7 SECTION 2. Sexual education shall be defined as information about bodily development, sex,  
8 sexuality, relationships, appropriate touching, consent, bodily autonomy, and safe practices.

9 SECTION 3. The implementation of this bill as well as the development of the curriculum shall  
10 be overseen by the Department of Education as well as the American Medical Association.

11 A. Failure to teach or follow the curriculum shall result in a \$300 fine per student per  
12 fiscal year.

13 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on July 1st, 2024

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