

TCFL Spring Congress Legislation Docket 2023

Round 1

The Foreign Language Incentivization Bill

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. Public elementary schools will be granted a monetary incentive of \$7,000 for each 5th grade student who is educated in and becomes proficient in either Spanish, French, Chinese, or German as measured on standardized testing in May of each school year.

SECTION 2. Standardized testing shall be defined as a two-day exam issued by the federal government. The standardized test shall be known as the Foreign Language Exam (FLE) and will be administered to all 5th grade students in participating schools. Proficiency in a foreign language shall be defined as the test taker earning at least 80% on the assessment.

SECTION 3. The implementation of this piece of legislation will be overseen by the United States Department of Education. Necessary funding will be allocated to the Department's discretion based on how many schools participate in the program.

SECTION 4. This piece of legislation will be implemented on August 1, 2024.

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

Transition to the Metric System

- 1 Be it enacted by the student congress here assembled that:
- 2 Section 1: The United States Federal Government will adopt measurements for the units for
- 3 length, weight and capacity as defined by "The International System of Units" or metric
- 4 system.
- 5 Section 2: The period of transition between the use of feet, pounds and gallons and their
- 6 respective derivatives shall be two years from the date of adoption.
- 7 Section 3: This legislation will be implemented and enforced by the various relevant federal
- 8 agencies.
- 9 Section 4: This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2025.
- 10 Section 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Round 2

A Resolution to Ban For-Profit Dog Breeding to Reduce Puppy Mills

1 WHEREAS, Puppy Mills force dogs to live in horrible conditions in order to be constantly
2 bred; and

3 WHEREAS, the breeding for specific aesthetic features can create dogs with severe health
4 problems, such as obstructed breathing in Bulldogs due to their faces being bred to be too
5 flat; and

6 WHEREAS, Puppy mill puppies can be put under tremendous stress and early weaning can
7 create serious health and behavioral problems;

8 RESOLVED, By the Congress here assembled that for-profit breeding of dogs is banned to
9 reduce puppy mills.

A Bill to Invest in the Trans-African Highway

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

2 **SECTION 1.** Congress shall deliver \$10 billion to the African Development Bank (AfDB),
the African

3 Union (AU), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to support
4 the completion of the Trans-African Highway network.

5 **SECTION 2.** Congress directs the Department of State to work actively and aggressively to
facilitate

6 cooperation among the nations involved in the construction of these highways so that they
7 may be completed as quickly and efficiently as possible.

8 **SECTION 3.** Funding for this legislation shall be diverted from the Department of Defense
budget.

9 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be overseen by the US Agency for International
Development (USAID).

10 **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect at the start of the next fiscal year.

11 **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Round 3

A Bill to Eliminate Food Deserts through Zoning

1. Be it enacted by the Student Congress here assembled that
2. **Section 1a:** Zoning laws be modified to require current residential zones to be redesigned into
3. mixed-use zones. **Furthermore, Section 1b:** Any new residential zones must be within 2
4. miles of a commercial zone containing at least one grocery store or be built as a mixed use
5. zone that provides access to healthy food choices .
6. **Section 2: a.** Residential zones will be defined as land earmarked for buildings exclusively
7. designed for human habitation.
8. **b.** Commercial zone means any nonresidential zone, including the Office, Neighborhood
9. Business, Community Business, Multiple Use, Service Commercial, Central Commerce and
10. Business Park.
11. **c.** Mixed Use zone means a deliberate mix of housing, civic uses, and commercial uses,
12. including retail, restaurants, and offices.
13. **Section 3:** This legislation will be overseen by the California Office of Planning and
14. Research and the Planning Advisory and Assistance Council.
15. **Section 4:** This legislation will go into effect on January 1, 2024.

Hart High School

A Bill to Ban Tackling in Football and Rugby

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:
2. **SECTION 1.** Tackling is hereby prohibited in public elementary, middle, and secondary education sports
3. in football, rugby, and any other activities where tackling is standard practice within the
4. sport. The use of flags as a stand-in for tackling shall remain legal, and public and private
5. leagues at all levels are encouraged to embrace this humane adaptation.
6. **SECTION 2.** Tackling is defined as the intentional use of physical contact and force to arrest another
7. player's movement, bring that player to the ground, and/or compel that player to lose
8. possession of the ball.
9. **SECTION 3.** Any public school found to be allowing tackling sports without penalty shall be fined \$1,000
10. for each violation.
11. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall be jointly overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services
12. and the Department of Education.
13. **SECTION 5.** This legislation shall take effect on August 1, 2025.
14. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void