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## A Bill to Ensure Adequate Nurse Staffing

1	BE IT ENACTEI	D BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended to establish direct
3		care registered nurse-to-patient staffing ratio requirements, and a nursing program
4		grant of \$225 million shall be established.
5	SECTION 2.	A sustainable direct care registered nurse-patient ratio as outlined in the
6		subsections below shall be required.
7		A. 1-to-1 in operating rooms
8		B. 1-to-2 in intensive care, labor and delivery, and ICU patients in the ER
9		C. 1-to-3 in step down
10		D. 1-to-4 in emergency rooms, antepartum, and telemetry units
11		E. 1-to-5 in medical-surgical units
12		F. 1-to-6 in postpartum (women only) and psychiatry units
13	SECTION 3.	The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall oversee
14		the enforcement of this legislation.
15		A. HHS shall be able to enforce administrative fines of up to \$75,000 under non-
16		compliance with this legislation.
17	SECTION 4.	Effective Dates:
18		A. The requirements under section 2 shall take effect 2 years after the date of the
19		enactment of this title and in the case of a hospital in a rural area (as defined in
20		section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act), 4 years after the enactment of
21		this legislation.
22		B. The nursing program grant shall take effect 6 months upon enactment of this
23		legislation.
24	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced fo	r UIL Congressional Debate by Region 10.



## A Bill to Prohibit the Charging of a Juvenile as an Adult in a Federal Court of Law

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	No individual under the age of 17, at the time of an alleged offense taking
3		place, shall be tried or convicted as an adult for a federal crime.
4	SECTION 2.	"Individual" refers to any person under the age of 17 years old.
5	SECTION 3.	The Department of Justice (DOJ) shall oversee the enforcement of this
6		bill.
7		A. The DOJ shall issue guidelines and directives to ensure compliance
8		with this bill by federal prosecutors and law enforcement agencies.
9		B. The DOJ shall establish procedures for the handling of cases involving
10		individuals who may otherwise have been charged as adults prior to
11		the enactment of this Act.
12	SECTION 4.	This bill will take effect on January 1, 2030.
13	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for	UIL Congressional Debate by <b>Region 7</b> .



## A Resolution to Train Ukrainian Military Units in the United States

1	WHEREAS,	On the 24 <sup>th</sup> of February 2022 military forces of the Russian Federation
2		illegally invaded Ukraine; and
3	WHEREAS,	Despite a valiant effort by the Ukrainian defenders, military forces of the
4		Russian Federation have not been expelled from Ukraine; and
5	WHEREAS,	Failure for Ukraine to repel this invasion may have disastrous effects for
6		the sovereignty of surrounding states due to aggression on the part of
7		the Russian Federation; and
8	WHEREAS,	New, specialized, western style equipment required for the defense of
9		Ukraine has been provided by NATO, essential training on the operation
10		and maintenance on these western systems has been difficult for the
11		Ukrainian defenders to acquire due to the invasion of Ukraine by military
12		forces of the Russian Federation; and
13	WHEREAS,	While the necessarily high-quality training on these specialized western
14		systems is currently occurring, it is far from enough Ukrainians for all the
15		equipment to be properly utilized by the Ukrainian Military; now
16		therefore, be it
17	RESOLVED,	That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following
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18		That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the expansion of training programs for Ukrainian
18 19		That the UIL Congress here assembled make the following recommendation for the expansion of training programs for Ukrainian military units; and, be it



#### A Bill to Ban the Use of Public Funds for Private Schools

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:		
2	SECTION 1.	Private Schools shall not receive any public funds from federal or state	
3		governments in any form including, but not limited to: vouchers,	
4		Education Savings Account (ESA) or tax credits.	
5	SECTION 2.	Education savings accounts (ESAs): States set aside money in individual	
6		accounts for students. Vouchers are defined direct payments that	
7		government pays parents or tax credits which are parents receive tax	
8		credits for private school tuition payments	
9	SECTION 3.	The Department of Education would oversee the enforcement of this bill.	
10		A. Taxpayers are to pay for the betterment of public programs not the	
11		private sector including non-profits within the private sector.	
12		B. Private schools are exclusive, therefore should be exclusively paid for	
13		by the consumer of those services.	
14	SECTION 4.	This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2028	
15	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.	
	Introduced for	UIL Congressional Debate by Region 11.	



# A Bill to Eliminate the Exploitation of Minors on Social Media

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	Congress has determined that children have become a tool for guardians
3		in order to gain fame and profit. This bill will enact the prohibition of
4		parents filming any minor to then be used in an unethical manner.
5	SECTION 2.	For the purposes of this bill:
6		A. Parents and guardians will be defined as an adult in a child's life that
7		has any form of responsibility towards the child.
8		B. The filming of minors will be defined as any photographs, video, or
9		personal information which exploits the child's privacy.
10		C. An unethical manner will be defined as guardians using content of
11		their children in order to make a profit, gain fame, or bring sexual
12		attention to their children.
13		D. Social media will be defined as any social network used to create,
14		communicate, and share content to be viewed by others.
15	SECTION 3.	The United States Federal Communications Commission will oversee the
16		enforcement of this bill.
17		A. Alter 47 U.S.C. § 230 (Section 230) to protect the exploitation of
18		minors on social media.
19	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2026.
20	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for	UII Congressional Debate by Region 15.

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## The Democracy Act of 2024

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	Congress shall require Ranked Choice Voting for elections of both
3		Senators and Representatives in all states, used with Multi-Member
4		Districts.
5	SECTION 2.	Ranked Choice Voting is defined as a system where each voter ranks
6		candidates for an office in order of preference.
7	SECTION 3.	For Multi-Member Districts, For states with six or more Representatives,
8		districts must be fewer than the total Representatives, with elections
9		only for these districts.
10		A. Each district must have equal population as practicable per the U.S.
11		Constitution.
12		B. Each district elects 3 to 5 Representatives.
13	SECTION 4.	States and Local Office Unchanged. – This Act does not affect how states
14		conduct elections for state or local offices or establish districts for such
15		elections.
16	SECTION 5.	Expanding the Size of the House. – The number of Representatives shall
17		be the total U.S. population divided by the population of the smallest
18		state.
19	SECTION 6.	This bill shall go into effect January 1, 2026.
20	SECTION 7.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for	r UIL Congressional Debate by Region 4.



## A Bill to Withdraw Tactical Nuclear Weapons from Europe

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:	
2	SECTION 1.	The Department of Defense will remove all tactical nuclear weapons from
3		Europe to U.S. military bases in U.S. Territories.
4	SECTION 2.	Tactical nuclear weapons shall be defined as nonstrategic nuclear
5		weapons that have a yield of a fraction of kiloton to 50 kilotons and can
6		be deployed in multiple formats from short range missiles to gravity
7		bombs to surface to air missiles or torpedoes.
8	SECTION 3.	The Department of Defense will move the weapons to bases that would
9		allow them to be repurposed for the defense of the United States and its
10		allies. The weapons themselves can be,
11		A. Updated technologically and placed in the United States territories or
12		naval ships or submarines.
13		B. Disposed of by securing the nuclear material and storing in an
14		appropriate manner for fission material.
15	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect January 1, 2026.
16	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Region 13.



#### **Pacific Economic and Defensive Investment Act**

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	The Federal Government of the United States will allocate \$150 Billion
3		U.S. Dollars to the non-NATO major and potential allies across the Pacific
4		Ocean, being evenly distributed. These funds would be used to launch
5		major investments into the defensive capabilities of our allies in land,
6		naval, and air combat as well as lucrative economic industries. To fund
7		such an endeavor, the United States will see the redirection of funds
8		from fellow United States allies of Ukraine and Israel.
9	SECTION 2.	Non-NATO major allies include Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the
10		Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and South Korea. Potential allies include
11		Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam.
12	SECTION 3.	The Department of State (DOS) and the Department of Defense (DOD)
13		will oversee the implementation and enforcement of this act.
14		A. The Department of State will see the allocation and redirection of
15		necessary funds to the stated nations as well as prioritize the
16		involvement of the U.S. Agency of International Development (USAID)
17		with regard to investment into economic industries, including the
18		build-up of trade nodes in major ports and the modernization of
19		infrastructure and production facilities.
20		B. The Department of Defense will see the allocation and redirection of
21		necessary funds, armaments, and equipment to stated nations as well
22		as enforce the shipment of goods, in regards to investments into
23		defensive capabilities, including the shipment of arms and equipment
24		encompassing modern standards and the construction of state-of-
25		the-art naval vessels.
26	SECTION 4.	This act will go into effect six months after the passage of this bill.
27	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for	UIL Congressional Debate by Region 1.



### A Bill to End the Sale of Offensive Military Weapons to the State of Israel

1	BE IT ENACTI	ED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	The United States will cease all sales of offensive military weapons to the
3		State of Israel.
4	SECTION 2.	A. "Offensive military weapons" shall be defined as weapons primarily
5		designed for use in initiating or escalating military conflict, including but not
6		limited to tanks, fighter jets, missile systems, and assault weapons.
7		B. "Sale" refers to the transfer of military weapons in exchange for financial
8		or political compensation.
9		C. The "State of Israel" is defined by the UN-Recognized legal territorial
10		holdings of Israel, which excludes the occupation of the Golan Heights, the
11		West Bank, and the Gaza Strip.
12	SECTION 3.	The Department of State, in conjunction with the Department of Defense,
13		will oversee the enforcement of this legislation.
14		A. Any contracts currently in negotiation or execution for the sale of
15		offensive military weapons to Israel will be reviewed and terminated if
16		they conflict with the provisions of this bill.
17		B. Violations by private contractors or defense companies will result in
18		penalties including fines and revocation of government contracts.
19	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on December 1, 2025.
20	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
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Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Region 20.



### A Bill to Increase Funding for Dual Language Instruction In American Public Education

1	BE IT ENACTE	D BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2	SECTION 1.	Because United State of American public education continues to fall
3		further behind the world's secondary education standard as compared to
4		other developed nations based on performance in the Program for
5		International Student Assessment (PISA) administered by the
6		Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
7	SECTION 2.	The countries that are outperforming the United States in their general
8		education rankings all have significant investment in creating multi-
9		lingual education systems. In addition, several meta-studies researching
10		the impact of multi-lingual curricula have shown a positive correlation
11		between multi-lingual students and increased performance on
12		standardized tests.
13	SECTION 3.	Therefore, Congress will create an annual allotment for the expansion of
14		multi-lingual curricula of \$1 billion. Congress shall review and adjust this
15		amount on an annual basis to ensure it is neither excessive nor
16		insufficient to meet the needs of this legislation.
17		A. The administration of these funds will be managed by the
18		Department of Education.
19		B. Schools utilizing these funds will be expected to cooperate in
20		measures of performance and progress to help refine the curricula
21		over time.
22	SECTION 4.	This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2025.
23	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for	UIL Congressional Debate by <b>Region 18</b> .



## A Bill to Increase Maternal Leave After Birth to Support Postpartum Mental Health and Bonding

1	BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:	
2	SECTION 1.	This bill establishes a right to paid maternal leave. Any business
3		employing more than 4 workers must give a minimum of 12 weeks paid
4		maternal leave to a person who has given birth in the period immediately
5		following the birth.
6	SECTION 2.	For the purposes of this bill:
7		A. Paid maternal leave is paid at the full average salary of the person
8		taking leave.
9		B. The person taking leave must have been continuously employed by
10		the employer for a minimum of 9 months prior to applying for the
11		paid maternal leave.
12	SECTION 3.	The U.S. Department of Labor is responsible for enforcing this legislation.
13		A. The Department of Labor shall establish an Office of Maternal Leave
14		Enforcement, authorized to issue fines for violation of this legislation.
15		B. Fines for violation shall be issued in the amount of \$1000 per day, per
16		violation.
17	SECTION 4.	This legislation will take effect on August 1, 2025.
18	SECTION 5.	All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.
	Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Region 19.	



#### A Bill to Increase Voter Turnout in Elections

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THIS UIL CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- SECTION 1. This bill shall federally enact Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) and
  make all current and formerly incarcerated felons eligible for voting
  through absentee ballots.
- 5 SECTION 2. A. Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) shall be defined as a system in
- 6 which eligible voters are automatically registered to vote in elections
- 7 through interaction with government agencies such as Departments of
- 8 Motor Vehicles (DMVs) Voters may choose to opt out of the system.
- 9 **B.** An absentee ballot shall be defined as a vote cast by an individual
- 10 unable to attend in person voting, usually through mail
- **SECTION 3.** The Federal Election Commission (FEC) as well as each state's DMVs shall
- 12 oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.
- 13 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect upon passage.
- SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void. Introduced for UIL Congressional Debate by Region 6.