

The Public Option Act of 2021

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1:** The U.S. government will hereby create a public option healthcare system.

2 **SECTION 2:** The public option healthcare system is defined as a proposal to create a government-run
3 health insurance agency that would compete with other private health insurance
4 companies within the United States. This healthcare plan would be subsidized by the
5 Department of Health and Human Services based on the same income levels used by the
6 Affordable Care Act. Any US citizen may purchase this insurance regardless of employer
7 provided insurance.

8 **SECTION 3:** The Department of Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Department of
9 Commerce will oversee the implementation of this legislation.

10 A. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services within the Department of Health and
11 Human Services will work to establish and insurance plan as well as making it available to
12 the general population of the United States.

13 B. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Commerce have
14 the authority to work with any other agency in order to implement and enforce this
15 legislation.

16 C. A yearly allocation of 100 billion dollars per fiscal year from 2021 to 2030 for program
17 funding. After 2030, the Congressional Budget Office shall issue a revised budget estimate
18 for the public option plan. Congress will be encouraged to act with appropriate legislation
19 at that time to amend the funding levels.

20 D. All funding shall be provided from the Department of Health and Human Services
21 budget.

22 **SECTION 4:** his legislation will go into effect on the first day of the 2021 Fiscal Year.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Iowa City West High School

A Bill Make Vasectomies More Accessible

Be it enacted by the Congress here assembled that:

1. **Section One:** The Affordable Care Act will cover vasectomies under Preventative Health
2. Services.
3. **Section Two:** The Affordable Care Act shall be defined as the comprehensive health care
4. reform law enacted in March 2010 (sometimes known as ACA, PPACA, or
5. “Obamacare”). The law provides numerous rights and protections that make health
6. coverage more fair and easy to understand, along with subsidies (through “premium tax
7. credits” and “cost-sharing reductions”) to make it more affordable. Vasectomy shall be
8. defined as a surgical procedure designed to make a man sterile by cutting or blocking
9. both the right and left vas deferens, the tubes through which sperm pass into the
10. ejaculate.
11. **Section Three:** Providing accessible vasectomies:
 12. A. The Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) will
 13. oversee the enforcement of this bill and any insurance providers who will not fully cover
 14. a patient’s vasectomy will be subject to a \$6000 fine.
 15. B. This bill will reallocate \$100 million of the Affordable Care Act budget for the
 16. insurance coverage of vasectomies.
17. **Section Four:** This bill will go into effect on October 1st, 2021

Respectfully submitted by John F. Kennedy High School

A Resolution to Legalize Recreational Marijuana

- 1 **WHEREAS,** People are being put in jail for possession and use of marijuana; and
2 **WHEREAS,** In some states, it is legal, but in others it is not, making the punishment for
3 possession and use of marijuana not equitable across the states; and
4 **WHEREAS,** The government loses money by making it illegal, as many are already
5 selling it; and
6 **WHEREAS,** people are losing out on benefits for medical purposes and instead can
7 become addicted to opiates given as pain killers; now, therefore, be it
8 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled that marijuana be legalized in all 50
9 states for possession and use for those 21 years of age and above.

Introduced by Davenport West High School

A Resolution to End All Arms Sales to Taiwan

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Taiwan has purchase millions of dollars in advance weapons systems
2 including anti-aircraft missiles systems, automated machine guns, and
3 anti-armored vehicle rockets since 2016; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** American weapons continue to fuel tensions between Taiwan and China;
5 and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** these weapons work to destabilize the entire East Asian region); and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** American made weapons signal to our allies that America will not remain a
8 natural actor in East Asia and that the United States is willing to fuel
9 conflict; now therefore be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled recommend the end of all arms sales to
11 Taiwan.
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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Iowa City West High School

A Resolution to Protect Consumer Data

- 1 **WHEREAS,** consumer data is collected and shared by companies; and
2 **WHEREAS,** personal information that belongs to the consumer should not be sold; and
3 **WHEREAS,** if a person's data is stolen and someone gets a hold of that they have access
4 to personal information and maybe even financial information; and
5 **WHEREAS,** consumers are forced to agree to terms that eliminates some rights to
6 privacy by shopping or using social media; now, therefore, be it
7 **RESOLVED,** by the Congress here assembled that consumers have the right to prevent
8 data being sold to third parties and can view and delete online personal data.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Davenport West High School

A Bill to Grant Public Safety Workers the Right to Collective Bargaining

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Any individual who is currently employed in the public safety sector will have
3 increased access to collective bargaining. This will include the following policies:

- 4 A. The ability to both create and join labor unions.
- 5 B. The ability to use such unions to bargain over terms of employment, wages, and hours.
- 6 C. Assurance that public safety employers will recognize the labor unions and will bargain
7 with the organization, resulting in a written contract.
- 8 D. Should there be a dispute between the labor unions and the public safety employer, a
9 method of dispute resolution, either through arbitration or mediation, will be assigned
10 to the case.

11 **SECTION 2.** A public safety employee will be defined as any law enforcement officer,
12 member of emergency medical personnel, or firefighter.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Federal Labor Relations Authority will oversee the enforcement of this
14 legislation.

- 15 A. The Federal Labor Relations Authority will determine adequate labor representation
16 when supervising elections.
- 17 B. The Authority will conduct hearings and resolve complaints of unfair labor tactics, as
18 reported by the labor unions.

18 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by the National Speech and Debate Association

A Bill to Institute a Sugar Tax

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** A tax will be implemented on all beverages containing 5 or more grams of sugar
3 per 100 milliliters.

4 **SECTION 2.** The following definitions will apply:

5 A. A sugar tax will be defined as \$.25 per liter of beverage containing sugar.

6 B. The revenue from the tax will be allocated to address obesity, diabetes, and related
7 health conditions.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Food and Drug Administration and the Internal Revenue Service will oversee
9 the enforcement of this legislation.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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

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The Student Loan Simplification Act of 2020

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All student loans provided by the United States federal government after

3 the passage of this legislation shall have an interest rate of 0%.

4 (A) “Student loans” are defined as any loan designed to help students pay for

5 post-secondary education and the associated fees, such as tuition, books

6 and supplies, and living expenses.

7 **SECTION 2.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Education.

8 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

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The Animal Right to Life Act

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** No animal shelter may euthanize more than 10% of the animals that it
3 accepts into its shelter.

4 (A) An “Animal Shelter” is a facility that houses and disposes of homeless,
5 lost, or abandoned animals.

6 **SECTION 2.** The United States federal government shall provide subsidies to qualified
7 applicant animal shelters for the purpose of expanding physical space and
8 services for the animals they serve.

9 (A) A newly-created commission will be tasked with determining
10 qualifications for and recipients of these subsidies.

11 **SECTION 3.** This legislation shall be enforced by the Department of Agriculture.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect on July 1, 2021.

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A Bill to Encourage Bilingual Education Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Education shall make \$2 billion in grants available for
3 states which either currently offer or will commit to the use of bilingual
4 education programs to educate all students not currently proficient in
5 spoken English.

6 **SECTION 2.** Bilingual education programs are those which provide instruction in
7 English as well as the students' spoken languages. This method is used to
8 develop student literacy in both languages.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall administer the grant program. Grants
10 shall be awarded upon demonstrated proof that the state has adopted
11 bilingual education programs as a primary means of English proficiency
12 instruction. Grants may be renewed if the state is able to demonstrate
13 growth on state-based English proficiency assessments. Funding shall be
14 taken from existing Title 1 funding.

15 **SECTION 4.** This shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

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A Resolution to Adopt a National Happiness Index

1 **WHEREAS**, The dichotomous nature of monetary value prevents governments from
2 adequately assessing both the stability and overall happiness of individuals within a country by
3 using Gross Domestic Product (GDP); and

4 **WHEREAS**, The depression rate for American adults in 2019 was approximately 7% and
5 while average income has increased dramatically since the early 1900s, levels of happiness
6 have remained close to static; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Without adjusting to an index that accurately portrays the status of a population,
8 the U.S. risks further psychological deterioration of American citizens under the veil of a
9 successful economy; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Surveying individuals for the Happiness Index would provide vital information
11 about the mental health of Americans and incentivize the prioritization of mental health-care in
12 the future, as it would impact a nation's international ranking, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to adopt
14 the Happiness Index as an additional mechanism to measure national success.

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A Resolution to Ban Sororities & Fraternities at Colleges & Universities

- 1 **WHEREAS,** A lack of accountability has allowed sororities and fraternities to cause
2 significant harm to student bodies through hazing practices, while also
3 providing minimal responses to instances of sexual assault and racism; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Approximately 55% of students involved in organizations report they have
5 experienced hazing and, to date, there have been over 100 hazing-related
6 deaths, and studies conclude that fraternal parties are especially dangerous
7 for women, as members of fraternities are found to be 3 times more likely
8 to commit sexual assault than a male not in a fraternity; and
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The structure of sorority and fraternity life prevents victims from reporting
10 out of fear of retaliation from the organization, as individuals in leadership
11 positions tend to be relatively influential and have significant power on
12 college and university campuses; and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** Private funding from donors and claims from colleges and universities
14 stating that they do not have control over the actions of individual
15 organizations prevents any level of external accountability, meaning
16 administrative reform to sororities and fraternities is nearly impossible;
17 now, therefore, be it
- 18 **RESOLVED,** That the Congress here assembled make the following recommendation to
19 eliminate sororities and fraternities at colleges and universities.