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101. A BILL TO PROTECT WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORTS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. To provide for the purposes of determining compliance with Title IX of
2 the Education Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex shall be recognized
3 solely based on a person’s reproductive biology and genetics at birth.
- 4 A. Title IX shall be amended in Section 901 by adding the following:
5 (d)(1) It shall be a violation of subsection (a) for a recipient of federal
6 funds who operates, sponsors, or facilitates athletic programs or
7 activities to permit a person whose sex is male to participate in an
8 athletic program or activity that is designated for women or girls.
9 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, sex shall be recognized based
10 solely on a person’s reproductive biology and genetics at birth.
- 11 SECTION 2. Athletic program is defined as any club, interscholastic or intramural
12 athletic activity, whether individual or team oriented, that is developed
13 and offered by the school or district to female students competing
14 against other females, personal records, or other female teams.
15 Reproductive biology at birth is determined by the presence of ovaries or
16 testicles at birth.
17 Genetics is determined by the presence of a Y chromosome at birth.
- 18 SECTION 3. The United States Department of Education, in conjunction with state
19 education departments, shall oversee the implementation of this
20 legislation.
- 21 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2024.
- 22 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Patrick Gorman, Sims Middle School

102. A BILL TO ENSURE THAT TEACHERS ARE PAID A LIVABLE AND COMPETITIVE SALARY THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREER

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. The purposes of this bill are to ensure elementary and secondary school
2 teachers earn a livable wage and are compensated with a career based
3 competitive salary that accounts for national inflation. The Federal Board
4 of Education will provide supplemental funding to states to be used
5 specifically for teacher’s salaries.

6 SECTION 2. Elementary and secondary school teacher shall be defined as any
7 educator working at a public, or charter institution of learning for minors
8 below the college or university level. Livable wage shall be considered a
9 starting annual base salary of not less than \$60,000; with increases
10 regularly throughout a teacher’s career that stay ahead of the rate of
11 annual inflation.

12 SECTION 3. The U.S. Department of education will oversee enforcement along with
13 specific enforcement of this mechanism.
14 Teacher salaries shall be reviewed by the department every three years.
15 Raises and base salary amounts will be adjusted based on the rate of
16 inflation during the review period.

17 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on on January 1, 2024.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Maliha Smith, Sims Middle School

103. A BILL TO BAN PLASTIC STRAWS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 SECTION 1. The use of plastic straws by restaurants and other providers of prepared
2 meals is hereby banned.
- 3 SECTION 2. Any establishment found to be in violation of this legislation shall be
4 fined \$100 for each violation. Should the total amount fined to a single
5 establishment ever exceed \$10,000, that establishment shall lose its
6 license(s) to sell food and/or beverages.
- 7 SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Food and Drug Administration.
- 8 SECTION 4. This legislation shall take effect on January 1, 2023.
- 9 SECTION 5. All other laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Rep. Ashton Carter, Sims Middle School

104. A BILL TO MANDATE COMPASSIONATE FAMILY SEATING ON AIRPLANES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 SECTION 1. No commercial airline may sell tickets to a family unit and charge extra to
2 seat that family unit in adjacent seating, presuming sufficient adjacent
3 seats are available at the time the tickets are purchased.

4 SECTION 2. A family unit is defined as one or more parents or legal guardians
5 traveling with one or more of their legal dependent children who are
6 under the age of 16. Adjacent seating is defined as seating that is in the
7 same row and unseparated by other seats or an aisle. If the size of a
8 family unit exceeds the number of truly adjacent seats available on the
9 airplane (whether due to the seating arrangements of the aircraft or to
10 certain seats already having been sold), the definition of adjacency shall
11 be expanded to allow an airline to seat a family unit across one or more
12 aisles from one another or in seats that are directly in front of/behind
13 one another but in separate rows.

14 A. Any airline that is found to have violated this legislation shall be
15 ordered to refund double the entire cost of the itinerary to the
16 affected family unit.

17 SECTION 3. This legislation shall be overseen by the Federal Aviation Administration
18 (FAA).

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

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

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105. A BILL TO ENCOURAGE SUSTAINABLE MEAT CONSUMPTION

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

- 1 WHEREAS, The United States leads the globe in terms of per capita meat
2 consumption; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The farming of meat is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions
4 and is detrimental to the environment in many other ways; and
- 5 WHEREAS, These factors together reveal that more sustainable and less frequent
6 meat consumption within the United States could make a substantial
7 difference in the fight to combat climate change; now, therefore be it
- 8 RESOLVED, by the Congress here assembled that citizens and residents of the United
9 States are encouraged to limit their meat intake; and be it
- 10 FURTHER that Congress commits to modeling this modesty by adjusting menus and
11 RESOLVED, meal offerings at the U.S. Capitol and associated functions accordingly.

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106. A BILL TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR VIOLENCE ON THE FLOOR OF CONGRESS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

1 RESOLVED, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the
2 Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
3 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of
4 three-fourths of the several states within seven years from the date of its
5 submission by the Congress:

6 ARTICLE —

7 SECTION 1. Any sitting member of Congress who is found to have threatened, or
8 committed an act of violence against, a fellow Congressperson or against
9 any guest of Congress shall be removed from office and barred for life
10 from once again holding Federal office.

11 SECTION 2. Congress shall establish a committee tasked with reviewing alleged acts of
12 violence, whether threatened or executed. The committee must include at
13 least one member from each party for every 50 House seats or five Senate
14 seats held by that party in the U.S. Congress. If there are sufficient
15 unaffiliated members of Congress to qualify for one or more seats, they
16 may convene to select representation as well.

17 SECTION 3. Removal from office shall require a two-thirds majority vote from said
18 committee.

19 SECTION 4. The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
20 legislation.

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