

2025
Freehold Township Winter Invitational



Congress Legislation

Prelim A: The Green Transition Act

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Over the course of three years, all federal subsidies currently allocated to
2 the fossil fuel industry shall be redirected to support renewable energy
3 initiatives.

4 **SECTION 2.** Renewable energy is defined as energy derived from natural sources that
5 replenish without depletion. This includes, but is not limited to, solar, wind,
6 and hydroelectric power.

7 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Environmental Protection
8 Agency (EPA) will be responsible for implementing and overseeing the
9 reallocation of these funds.

10 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2025

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ridge High School.

Prelim B: A Bill to Protect Creative and Intellectual Rights Through Fair AI Usage

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The unscrupulous use of AI for monetization, impersonation, and all other
2 harmful applications shall be banned.
- 3 **SECTION 2.** A. Unscrupulous AI use shall be defined as but is not limited to artificial
4 intelligence aimed to spread misinformation, undermine human-made
5 art, or imitate such art for financial, social, or legal gains.
6 B. Harmful applications shall be defined but are not limited to artificial
7 intelligence used to devalue or hinder authentic art.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Homeland Security will oversee the implementation of
9 this legislation.
10 A. Individuals who violate the terms of this legislation will be fined \$2,500
11 for their first offense and \$5,000 for any subsequent offenses.
12 B. Companies or large corporations that violate the terms of this
13 legislation will be fined \$15,000 for their first offense and \$30,000 for
14 any subsequent offenses.
15 C. All funds collected through fines will be supplied to the Department of
16 Homeland Security to further their investigations.
- 17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect at the start of Fiscal Year 2025. All laws in
18 conflict with this legislation are hereby considered null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Alexander DeMarco of Phillipsburg High School.

Prelim C: A Bill to Regulate the Use of Autonomous Vehicles in Commercial Transportation

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** Autonomous vehicles shall be prohibited from being utilized in commercial
2 transportation services.

3 **SECTION 2.** Autonomous vehicles are defined as vehicles equipped with software and
4 technology that enable them to operate without active human control.

5 Commercial transportation services refer to services where vehicles are
6 hired or rented for temporary use by individuals or groups, including
7 rideshares and taxis.

8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) shall be responsible for
9 enforcing the provisions of this legislation and developing safety
10 regulations to address potential software malfunctions in autonomous
11 vehicles used in any other contexts.

12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will be effective immediately after passage.

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

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shivank Jha of Ridge High School.

Prelim D: A Bill to Prevent Employers from Using Employees' Social Media Presence Against Them

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Employers will be prohibited from seeking employees' social media
2 accounts and using their media against them. Employees are not required
3 to give employers their personal social media to monitor their accounts.
- 4 **SECTION 2.** Social Media will be defined as any and all publicly made posts made on
5 personal time and accounts.
6 Employees include all working and potential applicants in all regions of
7 work.
- 8 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Labor shall oversee the enforcement and
9 implementation of this bill.
10 A. If caught in violation of this legislation, employers will be subject to a
11 fine of \$10,000, which will double for each subsequent violation.
- 12 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage. All laws in
13 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Shelby Manning of Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

Prelim E: A Bill to Enhance National Defense in the Arctic

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Defense will allocate \$1,000,000,000 from current DOD
2 funds to invest in developing national defense strategies, and enhance, and
3 development new technologies to improve national defense in the Arctic
- 4 **SECTION 2.** “Defense strategies and technologies” are defined as the technology,
5 weaponry, and government organizations that focus on increasing the
6 ability to be able to function in an Arctic environment.
- 7 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Defense (DOD), Defense Advanced Research Projects
8 Agency (DARPA) shall be involved in overseeing the implementation of this
9 bill.
- 10 A. The DOD will allocate \$1,000,000,000 to DARPA to develop new Arctic
11 technologies
- 12 B. The US military will increase engagement with other Arctic nations in
13 unilateral programs such as the Arctic Security Forces Roundtable
14 (ASFR)
- 15 **SECTION 5.** This legislation will take effect immediately after passage. All laws in
16 conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Jayson Pai of Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

Finals A: A Bill to Strengthen U.S. Nuclear Energy Infrastructure

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1 **SECTION 1.** The United States will significantly expand its investment in nuclear power
2 infrastructure, including the development and enhancement of U.S.
3 nuclear power plants, to reduce dependency on foreign energy sources and
4 make nuclear energy more accessible and affordable.

5 **SECTION 2.** Nuclear power plants refer to nuclear reactors designed to produce
6 electricity for the national grid. "Significantly expanding investment"
7 includes funding sufficient to construct 25 additional nuclear plants over
8 the next decade, as well as covering the maintenance of current facilities.
9 "Making nuclear energy more affordable" will involve subsidizing consumer
10 costs to remain competitive with solar, wind, and other renewable energy
11 sources.

12 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will oversee the implementation of
13 this bill.

14 A. The DOE will submit yearly progress reports to Congress.

15 B. If challenges arise, the DOE is authorized to allocate additional funds as
16 needed to keep the project on schedule.

17 **SECTION 4.** This legislation will take effect on FY 2026. All conflicting laws are hereby
18 repealed.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Ridge High School.

Finals B: A Bill to Increase School Security Funding to Protect Students

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

SECTION 1. \$3 billion shall be allocated in grant funding to enhance school security measures for public schools.

SECTION 2. School security measures shall be defined as investments made into student safety, intended to prevent, mitigate, or protect against school violence. School security measures may include, but are not limited to, training, metal detectors, technological improvements, and security personnel. Public schools shall be defined as any K-12 institution established under state law, regulated by local authorities, and funded by public taxation.

SECTION 3. The United States Department Of Education shall be tasked with the implementation of this legislation.

A. The Department of Education shall be responsible for developing a grant application and evaluation criteria, as well as ultimately distributing and monitoring use of grant funds to public schools.

B. Schools will have to show novel or sustainable approaches to address school violence in order to be eligible for the grant funding.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect at the beginning of FY 2026.

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

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cairee Upshur of Phillipsburg High School.