



***NOT ALL SUPERHEROES  
WEAR CAPES...***

***...SOME WEAR SUITS.***

# LEGISLATIVE BILL BOOK

**YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT  
DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 10, 2018**



**YMCA MISSION:** To put Christian values into practice to build health|spirit,  
mind and body for all.

...a hero is any person really intent  
on making this a better place for  
all people. -Maya Angelou

Since 1946, Texas Youth and Government has taught teens to become responsible citizens and future leaders of our nation by providing hands-on experience in the mechanics of government and media while delivering quality competition opportunities throughout the year.

Whether arguing a case, reporting a story, or proposing a solution, our delegates learn skills for a lifetime. Our goal is to raise the next generation of servant leaders, true statespeople who employ a sense of social responsibility to care for one another and to leave things better than they found them. Our impact studies show our teens are responsible citizens and faithful voters.

## Distinguished Speaker & Hero Suzanne Smith



Suzanne Smith grew up in North Texas and went to Rockwall High School and the Texas Academy of Math & Science. Her favorite part was being part of YMCA Texas Youth and Government. She is deeply committed to making a difference and found her calling at an early age as both a social activist and entrepreneur. Suzanne holds an MBA from Duke University's Fuqua School of Business, where she was selected as the CASE (Center for the Advancement of Social Entrepreneurship) Scholar. Her first job was for the City of Garland and it led to a number of great roles at Texas Municipal League, Phoenix House and the American Heart Association. One of her greatest achievements was co-founding the Alliance for a Healthier Generation – one of the country's first movements focused on combating childhood obesity – with a team from the William J. Clinton Foundation.

In 2009, after business school, Suzanne founded her own company - Social Impact Architects, a registered Benefit Corporation to reshape the business of social change. She is also a highly sought-after public speaker at conferences nationwide, including being selected as a featured speaker at TEDxTurtleCreekWomen, and teaches as an adjunct professor at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Suzanne also served Youth and Government in her 20s as volunteer for the Highland Park YMCA and in various leadership roles for the State Conference, including leading the Hyde House and serving on the Board. She loves spreading her passion about public service to young people through Youth and Government and HOBY.

For her outstanding work as a leading thinker, she was recognized with the Next Generation Social Entrepreneur Award by the Social Enterprise Alliance. In 2015-2018, Social Impact Architects has consistently been recognized as one of the "Best for the World" small businesses by B Corp. Suzanne also authors and has published articles in Forbes, The Chronicle of Philanthropy, See Change and many more. She has served a number of appointed posts for the City of Dallas and is known for her can-do spirit. She was honored to receive the Dallas Business Journal's 40 under 40 award in 2012 and the Dallas Regional Chamber's Young ATHENA Leadership Award in 2014. When she isn't traveling to speak, consult or discover new places, she can be found playing with her eight nieces and nephews or writing her first book on the social sector.

Democracy must be learned  
by each generation in order  
to survive. -Clement P. Duran, Hero,

Founder of Youth and Government

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### Cover Art and Inks



**Sina Grace** currently writes for the dynamic and innovative **Iceman** for Marvel Comics. He is also known for his work on **Burn the Orphanage**, **Li'l Depressed Boy** and his own autobiographical work, **Not My Bag**.

### Cover Colors



**Shaun Steven Struble** has colored and written for **Adventure Time** and **Regular Show** with Boom Comics and is best known for his critically acclaimed writing of Image Comics' **Li'l Depressed Boy**.

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

**7:00 am** Check in – Auditoriums and Lobbies

### HIGH SCHOOL

**8:00 am** Opening Ceremonies, Alexander Auditorium  
**8:30 am** Legislative Campaign, Alexander Auditorium  
Legislative Evaluator Training, Alexander Foyer  
Judicial Volunteer Training, B-104, Main Bldg  
 Judicial exit and go to Main Entrance to B Hall  
 Media to J-105 and assigned beats  
 State Affairs to Choral Rooms

### SENIOR LEGISLATIVE West Campus, B Hall, 2nd floor

**8:30 - 9:00 am** Legislative Campaign  
 Volunteer Training—Alexander Foyer  
**9:15 - 12:15 pm** Hearing Committees with Break  
**12:15 - 1:00 pm** Lunch in West Cafeteria  
**1:10 - 3:00 pm** Voting; Set Joint Docket; set rooms  
**3:10 - 4:45 pm** Joint Session, Alexander Auditorium  
**5:00 pm** Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

### MEDIA

**8:00 - 9:00 am** Opening Ceremony coverage  
**9:00 - 12:30 pm** Assigned Beats  
**12:30 pm** Lunch in West Cafeteria  
**12:30 - 3:00 pm** Assigned Beats  
**3:00 - 4:45 pm** Wrap up  
**5:00 pm** Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

### STATE AFFAIRS

**8:40 - 12:00 pm** Campaign; First Committees  
**12:15 - 1:15 pm** Lunch in West Cafeteria  
**1:25 - 2:30 pm** Voting and Finish First Committees  
**2:30 - 3:30 pm** Second Committees  
**3:40 pm - 4:45 pm** General Assembly. West Cafeteria  
**5:00 pm** Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

### JUDICIAL

**8:00 am** Volunteer Training in RM B-104  
**9:00 am** Rounds begin  
**12:30 pm—1:00 pm** Lunch in West Cafeteria  
**1:30** Voting in courtrooms; Rounds resume  
**4:45** Wrap up  
**5:00 pm** Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**8:40 am** Opening Ceremonies, Shine Auditorium  
**9:10 am** Legislative Campaign, Shine Auditorium  
Legislative Evaluator Training, Shine Foyer  
 State Affairs to Choral Rooms  
**4:45 pm** Sections dismiss to closing ceremonies

### JUNIOR LEGISLATIVE

**9:10 - 10:00 am** Legislative Campaign  
 Volunteer Training—Shine Auditorium  
**10:00 - 11:20 pm** Hearing Committees  
**11:30 - 12:30 pm** Lunch in C-100  
**12:40 - 3:20 pm** Hearing Committees  
**3:30 - 4:45 pm** JYG Joint Session—Shine Auditorium  
 Duran Council Joint Session—RM K-122  
**5:00 pm** Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

### JUNIOR STATE AFFAIRS

**9:10 - 11:30 am** Campaign; First Committees  
**11:40 - 12:40 pm** Lunch in C-100  
**12:50—1:30 pm** Voting and Finish First Committees  
**1:30 pm - 3:20 pm** Second Committees  
**3:30 pm - 4:45 pm** General Assembly  
**5:00 pm** Closing & Awards, Alexander Auditorium

## WHERE TO GO

### SENIOR LEGISLATIVE

Office	<b>B-204</b>	Committee L	<b>B-223</b>
Committee A	<b>B-115</b>	Committee M	<b>B-229</b>
Committee B	<b>B-116</b>	Committee N	<b>B-230</b>
Committee C	<b>B-117</b>	Committee O	<b>B-231</b>
Committee D	<b>B-118</b>	Committee P	<b>B-237</b>
Committee E	<b>B-119</b>	Committee Q	<b>B-241</b>
Committee F	<b>B-215</b>	Committee R	<b>B-262</b>
Committee G	<b>B-214</b>	Committee S	<b>B-261</b>
Committee H	<b>B-213</b>	Committee T	<b>B-260</b>
Committee I	<b>B-221</b>	Committee U	<b>B-259</b>
Committee J	<b>B-211</b>	Committee V	<b>B-258</b>
Committee K	<b>B-222</b>		

### JUDICIAL

Volunteer Lounge	<b>B-104</b>	Office	<b>B-103</b>
Trial Court Room A	<b>B-108</b>	Trial Court Room L	<b>B-126</b>
Trial Court Room B	<b>B-102</b>	Trial Court Room M	<b>B-123</b>
Trial Court Room C	<b>B-100</b>	Trial Court Room N	<b>B-122</b>
Trial Court Room D	<b>B-101</b>	Trial Court Room O	<b>B-129</b>
Trial Court Room E	<b>B-105</b>	Trial Court Room P	<b>B-128</b>
Trial Court Room F	<b>B-106</b>	Trial Court Room Q	<b>B-125</b>
Trial Court Room G	<b>B-107</b>	Appellate Court A	<b>B-115</b>
Trial Court Room H	<b>B-131</b>	Appellate Court B	<b>B-116</b>
Trial Court Room I	<b>B-132</b>	Appellate Court C	<b>B-117</b>
Trial Court Room J	<b>B-130</b>	Appellate Court D	<b>B-118</b>
Trial Court Room K	<b>B-127</b>	Appellate Court E	<b>B-119</b>

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### HIGH SCHOOL

Office	<b>K-137</b>
Committee A	<b>K-102</b>
Committee B	<b>K-104</b>
Committee C	<b>K-105</b>
Committee D	<b>K-132</b>

### STATE AFFAIRS

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Committee A	<b>K-133</b>
Committee B	<b>K-134</b>
Committee C	<b>K-135</b>
Committee D	<b>K-136</b>

### JUNIORYG LEGISLATIVE

Office	<b>M-115</b>	Committee M	<b>M-128</b>
Committee A	<b>M-100</b>	Committee N	<b>M-125</b>
Committee B	<b>M-101</b>	Committee O	<b>M-126</b>
Committee C	<b>M-102</b>	Committee P	<b>M-123</b>
Committee D	<b>M-108</b>	Committee Q	<b>M-124</b>
Committee E	<b>M-107</b>	Committee R	<b>M-121</b>
Committee F	<b>M-110</b>	Committee S	<b>M-116</b>
Committee G	<b>M-109</b>	Committee T	<b>M-129</b>
Committee H	<b>M-112</b>	Committee U	<b>M-130</b>
Committee I	<b>M-111</b>	Committee V	<b>M-132</b>
Committee J	<b>M-114</b>	Committee W	<b>M-133</b>
Committee K	<b>M-113</b>	Committee X	<b>M-134</b>
Committee L	<b>M-127</b>	Committee Y	<b>M-135</b>
		Committee Z	<b>M-136</b>

School	Branch	First Name	Last Name	Committee	Room	Subsection	Role
Allen High School	McKinney YMCA	Alizay	Azeem	C	B-117	Hyde Senate	
Allen High School	McKinney YMCA	Dora	Pang	D	B-118	Hyde Senate	
Allen High School	McKinney YMCA	Shaheer	Rahman	E	B-119	Hyde Senate	
Allen High School	McKinney YMCA	Allison	Wong	O	B-231	House	
Austin Academy for Excellence	White Rock YMCA	Gracyn	Buckner	G	B-214	Hyde House	
Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy	Moorland YMCA	Alejandro	Alfaro	H	B-213	Hyde House	
Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy	Moorland YMCA	Cristian	Diaz	P	B-237	Hyde Senate	
Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy	Moorland YMCA	Eric	Gongora	J	B-211	Hyde House	
Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy	Moorland YMCA	Emiliano	Hernandez	K	B-222	Hyde House	
Barack Obama Male Leadership Academy	Moorland YMCA	Raul	Pena	N	B-230	Hyde House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Rajpal	Bal	N	B-230	Senate	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Emma	Balfay	Q	B-241	Hyde House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Shea	Berthelot	O	B-231	Senate	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Michael	Brown	P	B-237	Senate	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Natalie	Burrell	R	B-262	Hyde House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Jessica	Cabrasawan	C	B-117	Hyde Senate	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Georgina	Chen	N	B-230	House	Clerk
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Peyton	Childs	S	B-261	Hyde House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Blair	Dodge	T	B-260	Hyde House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Ava	Fisher	D	B-118	Hyde Senate	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Connor	Flynn	Q	B-241	Senate	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Alexandra	Fowler	R	B-262	Senate	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Alexandra	French	E	B-119	House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Vivienne	Garner	F	B-215	House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Malaika	Gathuru	S	B-261	Senate	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Analisa	Gutierrez	T	B-260	Senate	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Jackson	Heuvel	G	B-214	House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Mitchell	Heuvel	U	B-259	Hyde House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Haylie	Keller	E	B-119	Hyde House	Chair
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Kaylee	Miller	N	B-230	House	Chair
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Sitreana	Mitchell	E	B-119	Hyde House	Clerk
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Jordyn	Nevelle	H	B-213	House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Nicholas	Noble	U	B-259	Senate	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Sarah	O'brien	V	B-258	Senate	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Jack	Peaden	I	B-221	House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Margaret	Ripperger	A	B-115	Hyde House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Alex	Searles	D	B-118	Senate	Chair
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Christiane	Segovia	B	B-116	Hyde House	
Boyd High School	McKinney YMCA	Nathan	Varnell	F	B-215	Hyde Senate	



Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Akash	Aedavelli	G	B-214	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Advaith	Anakala	H	B-213	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Sathvik	Cherukuri	I	B-221	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Eshaan	Chichula	J	B-211	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Nathan	Evanhar	K	B-222	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Ananya	Gelaboina	L	B-223	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Saisha	Karri	M	B-229	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Sai	Lanka	N	B-230	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Yuval	Marom	O	B-231	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Arnav	Myana	P	B-237	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Pranav	Myana	Q	B-241	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Mihir	Nakra	R	B-262	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Srimaan	Naralasetty	S	B-261	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Abhiram	Narra	T	B-260	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Farah	Nishant	U	B-259	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Omshiv	Padhi	A	B-115	House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Samvarth	Palakullu	V	B-258	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Akhilash	Parimeru	G	B-214	Senate	Chair
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Krishank	Prasad	A	B-115	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Anshu	Reddy	B	B-116	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Anchita	Sharma	C	B-117	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Sudharsh	Sriraman	D	B-118	Hyde House	
Centennial High School	Plano YMCA	Akhil	Vinjamaram	E	B-119	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Adham	Aatiq	F	B-215	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Alfredo	Acuna	L	B-223	Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Julia	Bowers	O	B-231	Senate	Clerk
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Ronnie	Burns	C	B-117	House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jariah	Cole	O	B-231	Senate	Chair
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Samir	Davis	G	B-214	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jewel	Delgadillo	V	B-258	Hyde Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Mouctar	Diallo	D	B-118	House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Syerra	Duplessis	A	B-115	Hyde Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Peace	Erezi	H	B-213	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jeremiah	Escalona	B	B-116	Hyde Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Isaac	Euceda	E	B-119	House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Robert	Furino	I	B-221	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Macle	Hall	Q	B-241	House	Chair
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Zhy'yon	Hoover	F	B-215	Hyde Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Lyric	Johnson	P	B-237	House	Clerk
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Amaris-lynn	Joubert	M	B-229	Senate	

Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Evan	Lee	J	8-211	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jaylen	Lee	Q	8-241	House	Clerk
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Paris	Lee	R	8-262	Hyde House	Chair
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Eveleen	Lopez	G	8-214	House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Coy	Mason	K	8-222	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Miryam	Mata	L	8-223	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Marie	McGrew	C	8-117	Hyde Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Angela	Medina	M	8-229	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jose	Moreno	H	8-213	House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Michele	Murata	S	8-261	Hyde House	Clerk
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Richel	Murata	T	8-260	Senate	Co-Chair
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Michael	Newman	N	8-230	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Morgan	Pace	P	8-237	House	Chair
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Rosalani	Paschall	D	8-118	Hyde Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Kennedie	Phillips	O	8-231	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Michael	Pugh	N	8-230	Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Samuel	Reyes	I	8-221	House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Dayriana	Robinson	P	8-237	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jacqueline	Rogers	E	8-119	Hyde Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Axcel	Sanchez	Q	8-241	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jaclin	Senesoury	F	8-215	Hyde Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Amber	Siddiqui	G	8-214	Hyde Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Kevin	Stockton	R	8-262	Hyde House	Clerk
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Lesleigh	Taylor	J	8-211	House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Quintin	Taylor	C	8-117	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Joynae	Tennison	K	8-222	House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Alexandra	Ulloa	R	8-262	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Mickel	Warren	H	8-213	Hyde Senate	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jessica	Washington	S	8-261	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Jada	Williams	T	8-260	Hyde House	
Duncanville High School	Oak Cliff YMCA	Kassandra	Zapata	U	8-259	Hyde House	
Episcopal School of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Kellen	Carona	F	8-215	Hyde House	
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Thomas Carter	Bakewell	I	8-221	Hyde House	
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Jack	Beck	O	8-231	House	
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Eduardo	Carbonel	J	8-211	Hyde House	
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Sriya	Dodda	T	8-260	Senate	
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Zander	Knight	P	8-237	House	
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Gabriel	Letcher	Q	8-241	House	
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Arthur	Lindh	S	8-261	Senate	
Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Anisa	Noor	M	8-229	Hyde Senate	

Episcopal School of Dallas, High School	Town North YMCA	Anastasia	Sotiropoulos	T	B-260	Senate	
Garland High School	White Rock YMCA	William	Ashcraft	L	B-223	House	Clerk
Garland High School	White Rock YMCA	Greyson	Baker	U	B-259	House	
Garland High School	White Rock YMCA	Payton	Blankenship	k	B-222	House	
Garland High School	White Rock YMCA	Neal	Holloway	V	B-258	House	
Garland High School	White Rock YMCA	Kaley	Niette	L	B-223	Senate	Chair
Greenhill School	Town North YMCA	Christine	Wu	A	B-115	Senate	
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Joshua	Martin	N	B-230	Hyde House	
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Sarah	Mcneely	O	B-231	Hyde House	
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Wenceslao	Michel	P	B-237	Hyde House	
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Calder	Sinak	C	B-117	Senate	
Highland Park High School	Moody Family YMCA	Advait	Subramanian	R	B-262	Hyde House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Farhan	Ali	K	B-222	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Sahithi	Alla	S	B-261	Hyde House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Aryan	Chawla	D	B-118	House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Annie	Christie	D	B-118	Senate	Clerk
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Walker	Cullins	D	B-118	House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Mason	Daugherty	M	B-229	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Paarth	Dewan	E	B-119	House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Arjun	Dodanari	N	B-230	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Mariam	Elsawy	F	B-215	House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Mario	Gonzalez	O	B-231	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Maurya	Gouni	P	B-237	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Ty	Guerra	T	B-260	Hyde House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Emma	Hernandez	U	B-259	House	Clerk
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Nicholas	Hirai	B	B-116	House	Clerk
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Sophia	Houshmand	U	B-259	House	Chair
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Aimon	Ibssa	M	B-229	House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Tyler	Kaphingst	R	B-262	Hyde House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Jaspreet	Kaur	G	B-214	House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Aahan	Kerawala	Q	B-241	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Adrian	Kingori	V	B-258	Hyde House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Nathaniel	Lambert	R	B-262	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Emma	Leblanc	S	B-261	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Taha	Naghshineh	T	B-260	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Suprabhas	Narisetty	B	B-116	House	Chair
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Thandiwe	Ndhulukula	C	B-117	Senate	Chair
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Claire	Oldner	U	B-259	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Nitin	Potturi	V	B-258	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Shereen	Pulukuri	H	B-213	House	

Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Bilal	Qureshi	A	B-115	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Adib	Rahman	A	B-115	Hyde House	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Eli	Scott	B	B-116	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Anish	Siddabhattun i	B	B-116	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Olivia	Sirchio	I	B-221	House	
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Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Alishan	Tharani	E	B-119	Senate	
Imagine International Academy	McKinney YMCA	Chloe	Tinzie	C	B-117	Senate	Clerk
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Vedanti	Dighe	C	B-117	Hyde Senate	
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Shruthi	Garimalla	D	B-118	Hyde Senate	
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Yamini	Joshi	E	B-119	Hyde Senate	
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Atul	Kabre	F	B-215	Hyde Senate	
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Alexis	King	L	B-223	Senate	
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Shalini	Namuduri	G	B-214	Senate	
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Anish	Omprakash	G	B-214	Hyde Senate	
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Sreeya	Pandugu	H	B-213	Hyde Senate	
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Arianna	Reed	B	B-116	Hyde House	
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Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Anjali	Shashidhar	I	B-221	Senate	Clerk
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Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Abhishek	Vijayakumar	J	B-211	Hyde Senate	
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Nitin	Volety	N	B-230	Senate	
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Shreya	Yemme	F	B-215	Senate	Chair
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Caleb	Zhang	O	B-231	Senate	
Independence High School	Plano YMCA	Grace	Zhou	K	B-222	Hyde Senate	
Lakeview Centennial High School	White Rock YMCA	Andrea	Castillo Perez	L	B-223	Hyde Senate	
Lakeview Centennial High School	White Rock YMCA	Kaley	Mcferon	M	B-229	Senate	Chair
Lakeview Centennial High School	White Rock YMCA	James	Monroe	L	B-223	Hyde House	
Lakeview Centennial High School	White Rock YMCA	Kelsey	Niette	B	B-116	House	
Lakeview Centennial High School	White Rock YMCA	Jenna	Warlick	M	B-229	Senate	Clerk
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Shivani	Amara	Q	B-241	Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Lucas	Barr	G	B-214	Hyde Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Haniah	Bashir	R	B-262	Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Netra	Bhargava	M	B-229	Hyde House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Elena	Breslav	H	B-213	Hyde Senate	

Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Juleanna	Culilap	I	B-221	Hyde Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Sanjana	Dandu	N	B-230	Hyde House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Trisha	Dasgupta	O	B-231	Hyde House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Shivani	Desai	J	B-211	Hyde Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Kush	Gandhi	P	B-237	Hyde House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Ananda	Ghoshal	Q	B-241	Hyde House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Shrika	Guda	R	B-262	Hyde House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Aleeza	Hussain	S	B-261	Hyde House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Amer	Jusupovic	H	B-213	Hyde Senate	Clerk
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Kanika	Kappalayil	S	B-261	Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Shivani	Kosuri	T	B-260	Hyde House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Andy	Liu	G	B-214	Senate	Clerk
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Avinash	Mandala	A	B-115	Hyde House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Rishikesh	Mandala	B	B-116	Hyde House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Brayden	Miller	F	B-215	Senate	Clerk
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Sam	Mills	T	B-260	Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Sairam	Mugada	L	B-223	Hyde Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	David	Poe	U	B-259	Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Sayyant	Rath	M	B-229	Hyde Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Kaylen	Ruiz	V	B-258	Senate	
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Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Tanya	Shiramagond	N	B-230	Hyde Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Aarej	Syed	F	B-215	Hyde House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Chris	Tian	S	B-261	Senate	Chair
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Catherine	Tong	P	B-237	House	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Josie	Woodward	A	B-115	Senate	
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Nikhil	Yerva	I	B-221	Senate	Chair
Liberty High School	Plano YMCA	Christopher	Yu	H	B-213	Senate	Chair
McKinney YMCA	McKinney YMCA	Ryan	Hess	B	B-116	House	
McKinney YMCA	McKinney YMCA	Alisha	Hikspoors	E	B-119	Senate	
McKinney YMCA	McKinney YMCA	Ariana	Palomo	C	B-117	House	
Palestine High School	Palestine YMCA	Rachel	Fulgham	P	B-237	Hyde Senate	
Palestine High School	Palestine YMCA	Kelleyann	Huey	Q	B-241	Hyde Senate	
Palestine High School	Palestine YMCA	Sarah	Kelly	T	B-260	Senate	Co-Chair
Palestine High School	Palestine YMCA	Cameron	Mcfall	O	B-231	Hyde House	
Plano YMCA Branch Club	Plano YMCA	Aria	Abhyankar	F	B-215	House	
Plano YMCA Branch Club	Plano YMCA	Matthew	Chau	H	B-213	Senate	
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Thomas	Baril	J	B-211	Hyde House	Chair



Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Nicole	Bruner	M	B-229	Senate	
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Johanne	Goodall	K	B-222	Hyde House	Clerk
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Nicholas	Hoff	N	B-230	Senate	
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Nicolas	Horne	J	B-211	House	
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Abigail	Hoyle	T	B-260	Hyde Senate	
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Connor	Hyland	K	B-222	House	
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Heath	Johnston	K	B-222	Senate	Chair
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Joshua Austin	Land	S	B-261	Hyde House	
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Landis	Lehman	J	B-211	Senate	Clerk
Richardson Homeschool Delegation	Richardson YMCA	Michael	Sakelson	L	B-223	Hyde House	
Rockwall-Heath High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Celeste	Ansari	U	B-259	Hyde Senate	
Rockwall-Heath High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Keith	Boudewijn	V	B-258	Hyde Senate	
Rockwall-Heath High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Kyle	Jackson	A	B-115	Hyde Senate	
Rockwall-Heath High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Jasmine	Kaur	B	B-116	Senate	
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Rockwall-Heath High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Leah	Park	P	B-237	Senate	
Rockwall-Heath High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Victoria	Ramos	D	B-118	Hyde Senate	
Rockwall-Heath High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Isabella	Russo	E	B-119	Hyde Senate	
Rockwall-Heath High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Savanna	Tremback	G	B-214	Hyde Senate	
Rockwall-Heath High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Denisse	Viera	H	B-213	Hyde Senate	
Sachse High School	White Rock YMCA	Lucas	Alexander	V	B-258	House	Chair
Sachse High School	White Rock YMCA	Lucas	Alexander	V	B-258	Hyde House	Clerk
Sachse High School	White Rock YMCA	Dominic	Bechler	R	B-262	Senate	
Sachse High School	White Rock YMCA	Harrison	Burnside	Q	B-241	House	
Sachse High School	White Rock YMCA	Lauren	Greco	S	B-261	Senate	
Sachse High School	White Rock YMCA	Madeline	Rosenbalm	T	B-260	Senate	
Sachse High School	White Rock YMCA	Jake	Wilkins	V	B-258	House	Clerk
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Magaly	Aguilar	U	B-259	House	
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Alejandra	Alvarado	J	B-211	Hyde House	
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Selene	Becerra	V	B-258	House	
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Joseph	Cantu	U	B-259	Hyde Senate	
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Cesar	Carlos Jr	I	B-221	Senate	
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Jonathan	Coleman	A	B-115	House	
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Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Mia	Davila	Q	B-241	Hyde House	
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Diego	Estrada	I	B-221	Hyde House	
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Michael	Givens	L	B-223	Hyde House	
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Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Jacqueline	Lopez	K	B-222	Hyde House	
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Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	April	Mendoza	K	B-222	Hyde House	
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Airianna	Monroy	F	B-215	House	
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Yadira	Ochoa	G	B-214	House	
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Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Jose	Rodriguez Vidales	J	B-211	Senate	
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Escarleth	Soto	L	B-223	House	
Skyline High School	White Rock YMCA	Abigail	Torres	R	B-262	Hyde House	
Ursuline Academy of Dallas	Town North YMCA	Athena	Bruess	K	B-222	Senate	
Waxahachie Branch Club	Waxahachie YMCA	Cole	Creech	M	B-229	Hyde Senate	
Waxahachie Branch Club	Waxahachie YMCA	Alyssa	Mills	L	B-223	Hyde House	
Wylie East High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Brandon	Carroll	Q	B-241	Hyde Senate	
Wylie East High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Nathan	Cline	A	B-115	Senate	Chair
Wylie East High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Joseph	Galgo	O	B-231	Hyde House	
Wylie East High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Alexa	Helm	A	B-115	Hyde House	Clerk
Wylie East High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Celeste	Knowles	R	B-262	Hyde Senate	
Wylie East High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Jackson	Pohlmeier	P	B-237	Hyde House	
Wylie East High School	J.E.R Chilton YMCA	Josiah	Thomas	V	B-258	Hyde Senate	



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## HEARING COMMITTEE MOTION / SECONDS CHARTS

Motion	Citation	Required Votes	Seconds Required	Debatable Motion
Expulsion of a member of the body		2/3 membership	One	Yes
Suspend floor privileges of a member		2/3 present	One	Yes
Suspend the normal order of business	Const Art 3, Sec 5(c)	4/5 membership	One	Yes
Suspension of a Joint Rule		4/5 present	One	Yes
Suspension of a House or Senate Rule		2/3 present	One	Yes
Favorable Recommendation for House or Senate Action		Majority present	One	No
Unfavorable Recommendation for House or Senate Action		Majority present	One	No
Adoption of an Amendment		Majority present	One	No
Adopt Motion for Previous Question		Majority present	4 committee members	Yes
Motion to Lay on the Table		Majority present	One	No
Motion to Lay on the Table Subject to Call		Majority present	One	No

## PROCEDURE FOR HEARING COMMITTEE DEBATE – QUICK FORM

- 1) BILL OR RESOLUTION LAID OUT
- 2) AUTHORS OPENING REMARKS (3 minutes)
- 3) AUTHORS QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD (1 minute or question and answer "conversation" per person)
- 4) PROPONENT / OPPONENT DEBATE PERIOD (One question per member allowed during PRO/CON debate and only 3 Proponents and 3 Opponents that will be shuffled)
  - a) Call each Proponent witness in order (90 seconds each)
  - b) Call each Opponent witness in order (90 seconds each)
- 5) AMENDMENT PERIOD (repeat the following for each amendment and only 4 amendments that will be shuffled)
  - a) Clerk reads amendment
  - b) Amendment author (90 seconds)
  - c) Bill Author(s) (90 seconds)
  - d) Optional Opponent if Bill Author is FOR Amendment (90 seconds)
  - e) Amendment author closes debate (1 minute)
  - f) Calls for a vote on the amendment
- 6) AUTHORS SUMMATION PERIOD (90 seconds)
- 7) MOTION - Call for motion for favorable recommendation for House or Senate action
- 8) VOTE - Call for vote on the motion

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# **COMMITTEE**

## **A**

**Chair:**

**Nathan Cline**

**Clerk:**

**Alexa Helm**

### **Committee Members:**

**Adib Rahman**

**Bilal Qureshi**

**Ethan Umanos**

**Josie Woodward**

**Kyle Jackson**

**Omshiv Padhi**

**Avinash Mandala**

**Christine Wu**

**Jonathan Coleman**

**Krishank Prasad**

**Margaret Ripperger**

**Syerra Duplessis**

Author: Nathan Cline YMCA Delegation: Wylie East High School  
YMCA: JER Chilton at Rockwall City: Wylie Grade: 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to amend the Texas Local Government Code, Sec. 229.001, paragraph 6, as well as an amendment to the Texas Penal Code Sec. 46.035(c), Chapter 411 Subchapter H and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Handgun- gun designed for use by one hand, especially a pistol or revolver.

Firearm- a rifle, pistol, or other portable gun.

Weapon- a thing designed or used for inflicting bodily harm or physical damage.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

As the law currently stands, only handguns are banned from government meetings. This restriction does not currently extend to all firearms and other forms of weaponry. With these new amendments, all forms of weapons can be regulated (not exclusively handguns) within the building that the meeting of a governmental entity is taking place.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

First Offense- violator can be fined a maximum amount of \$500

Second Offense- violator can be sentenced to a maximum amount of 180 days in a county jail and/or fined a maximum amount of \$2000

Third Offense- violator can be sentenced to a maximum amount of 1 year in a county jail and/or fined a maximum amount of \$4000

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

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Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

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All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

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If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

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The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to increase Texas public school teachers' annual salaries by at least 12% to better correspond to the national average salary and declaring an emergency

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Public school teacher: any educator at a state-mandated educational facility which is funded at the public's tax expense.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

Texas educators at public schools shall receive a minimum of a 12% raise on their annual salaries to better correspond to the national average salary.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

In the case of an independent school district violating this piece of legislation, a 50% reduction in government funding shall be levied upon the district.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect two-hundred and ten (210) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.

**Author:** Adib Rahman **YMCA Delegation:** High School

**YMCA:** Mckinney YMCA **City:** Mckinney **Grade:** 9th

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act of having 15 students per classroom in all Texas high schools and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

Section II. PROVISIONS:

The purpose of this is to make sure that the students are able to focus at school so they can get good grades and go to college instead of slacking off in class and talking to their friends and because currently today there are a lot of students in classrooms that teachers can't handle.

Section III. PENALTIES:

1. Warning
2. \$500
3. \$1000
4. \$2000

Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature. (You May amend if your bill presents exceptions).

Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



**Author:** Bilal Qureshi **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy

**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act placing a 25% tax on all electronic cigarette products and nicotine-based juices and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Electronic Cigarette-** A device that simulates smoking by using a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit to deliver nicotine or other substances to the individual inhaling from the device [including products sold as] e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape or under another product name or description [and including any] component, part, or accessory for the device [whether or not] sold separately.

**Nicotine Based Juices-** Any e-cigarette juice or liquid containing nicotine.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. All stores must place a 25% tax on the base price of e-cigarettes and nicotine juices in addition to the existing sales tax

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

All fines and penalties are directed towards the business or store selling the products

1. \$2,000 dollar fine

2. \$10,000 dollar fine

3. Revocation of license to sell e-cigarette products and all nicotine juices

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
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4. An act against deplorable and alarming automotive and related sounds on public radio and
5. declaring an emergency.
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7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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9. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
10. All remarks made towards the notion of "sounds" on this bill refer to noises resembling
11. those in traffic. This includes, but is not limited to, tire screeches, sirens, and automobile
12. honks.
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14. Section II. PROVISIONS:
15. Under no circumstances shall a radio station be allowed to air sounds resembling those
16. heard in traffic at any time.
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18. Section III. PENALTIES:
19. A. Failure to comply on the part of the radio station the first time shall result in an fine
20. no less than \$3000 and not exceeding \$5000.
21. B. Failure to comply a second time shall result in an issued warning detailing the
22. possible dissolution of the radio station alongside a fine no less than \$7000 and not
23. exceeding \$9000.
24. C. Failure to comply a third time shall result in the dissolution of the radio station.
25. D. Should an accident occur in which the illegal sound can be tied to, the victims of said
26. accident will have the legal right to prosecute said radio station for any and all
27. damages therein.
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29. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
30. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
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32. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
33. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the
34. conflict.
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36. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
37. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature
38. that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.
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40. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:
41. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses
42. create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule
43. requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule
44. hereby suspended.
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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act repealing SB4 of the eighty-fifth Texas Legislature relating to the enforcement by campus police departments and certain local government entities of state and federal laws governing immigration and to related duties and liability of certain persons in the criminal justice system; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

1. "Campus police department" means a law enforcement agency of an institution of higher education.
2. "immigration laws" means the laws of this state or federal law relating to aliens, immigrants, or immigration, including the federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. Section 1101 et seq.).
3. "Institution of higher education" means:
  - a. an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code; or
  - b. a private or independent institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.
4. "Lawful detention" means the detention of an individual by a local entity, state criminal justice agency, or campus police department for the investigation of a criminal offense. The term excludes a detention if the sole reason for the detention is that the individual:
  - a. is a victim of or witness to a criminal offense; or
  - b. is reporting a criminal offense.
5. "Local entity" means:
  - a. the governing body of a municipality, county, or special district or authority, subject to Section 752.052;
  - b. an officer or employee of or a division, department, or other body that is part of a municipality, county, or special district or authority, including a sheriff, municipal police department, municipal attorney, or county attorney; and
  - c. a district attorney or criminal district attorney.
6. "Policy" includes a formal, written rule, order, ordinance, or policy and an informal, unwritten policy.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**



**Author: Jonathan coleman**  
**YMCA Delegation: Skyline high school**  
**YMCA: White rock YMCA City: Dallas.**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act requiring riders on motorized bikes to wear safety helmets and body gear and declaring an emergency.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Motorized Bikes -a two-wheeled vehicle that is powered by a motor and has no pedals.**

**Safety Helmet- Any helmet designed to protect the head from accidental injury**

**Designated Legal Entity-a police force (city) or state trooper (state)**

**Body Gear-is protective clothing, designed to absorb and/or deflect slashing, bludgeoning such as leather or denim**

**Section II. PROVISIONS: the designated legal entity shall enforce the act of requiring riders to have more protection on motorized bikes.**

**Which will require riders to wear safety helmets, kneepads, and body gear such as leather/denim or wear pads in major joint areas while riding the motorized bikes to protect them from injuries and decrease the amount of fatalities on motorized bikes**

**Section III. PENALTIES: if the law may be violated the person who violates the law will be fined. The fine first offense \$250; second offense \$500; third offense will be a license suspension for six months; the fourth offense will result of jail time**

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.**

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

**All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

**If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.**



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Krishank Prasad  
**YMCA:** Plano      **City:** Plano

**YMCA Delegation:** Centennial High School  
**Grade:** 10th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to increase health premium for retired teachers and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Increase: to become progressively greater (as in size, amount, number, or intensity)
  - a. Progressively: a forward or onward movement
- B. Health: the condition of being sound in body, mind, or spirit
  - a. Condition: a state of being
  - b. Spirit: an animating or vital principle held to give life to physical organisms
- C. Premium: a prize, bonus, or award given as an inducement, as to purchase products, enter competitions initiated by business interests, etc.
  - a. Inducement: a motive or consideration that leads one to action or to additional or more effective actions
  - b. Purchase: get, acquire
  - c. Competitions: the effort of two or more parties acting independently to secure the business of a third party by offering the most favorable terms
  - d. Initiated: to cause or facilitate the beginning of : set going
  - e. Business: a usually commercial or mercantile activity engaged in as a means of livelihood
- D. Retired: withdrawn from or no longer occupied with one's business or profession
  - a. Withdrawn: removed from immediate contact or easy approach: isolated
  - b. Occupied: to engage the attention or energies of
  - c. Profession: a paid occupation, especially one that involves prolonged training and a formal qualification.
- E. Teachers: a person who teaches or instructs, especially as a profession; instructor
  - a. Instructor: to give knowledge to : teach, train

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- 1. Any retired teacher in the state of Texas should have an increase in their health premium
- 2. Retired teachers under the age of 65 must have premiums raised to 600 dollars.
- 3. If the teacher is living on her own, then the premium will be raised to 800 dollars.
- 4. If the teacher is a single parent, then the premium will be raised to 750 dollars
- 5. If the teacher has medical conditions that are covered by their current health insurance, then the premium will be raised by 700 dollars.
- 6. If the teacher lives with another individual who has an income above minimum wage, then the premium will increase by 650.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Any school district found in violation of the above provisions is subject to the



54. following punishments:
55. A. First offense: The school board will be required to pay 25% more taxes for
56. the following 1 year (365 days) after the offense was found to be committed
57. in order to fund the health premium.
58. B. Second offense: The business will be required to pay 30% more taxes on top
59. of the additional special fossil fuel tax (if applicable) for the following 1 year
60. (365 days) after the offense was found to be committed in order to fund the
61. health premium.
62. C. Third offense: The business will be required to pay 50% more taxes on top
63. of the additional special fossil fuel tax (if applicable) for the following 2 years
64. (730 days) after the offense was found to be committed in order to fund the
65. health premium.
66. D. Fourth and later offenses: The school board will be required to pay a fine of
67. \$50,000 to the Texas Department of Revenue. The employees of the board
68. will also be subject to termination of their jobs for the following 1 year (365
69. days) after the offense was found to be committed, as well as a requirement
70. to pay 50 percent more taxes.

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72. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

73. This act shall take effect immediately after the adjournment of the Youth

74. Legislature.

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76. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

77. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent

78. of the conflict.

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80. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

81. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the

82. Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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84. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

85. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both

86. Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the

87. constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House

88. be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.

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**Author:** Margaret **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney. **City:** Dallas. **Grade:** 10th

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

An act to create a bill that creates personal no fly zones for recreational drones and declaring an emergency.

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Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Personal land- own not by the government.
- B. No fly-zone- cannot fly up to 400 ft. above the no-fly zone.

Section II. PROVISIONS:

- A. Hire someone to create a website.
- B. The website will be where the drone owners register their drones.
- C. The website will be where the property land owners register their property as a no-fly zone.
- D. The website will be where the drone owners register their flight planes.
- E. The website will act like a do-not-call list or a no soliciting sign.
- F. It will be up to the property owner to register their property, otherwise it will be treated as a free-fly zone.

Section III. PENALTIES:

- A. 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: The drone owner can't fly for 1 month.
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: The drone owner can't fly for 3 months.
- C. 3<sup>rd</sup> + Offense: The drone owner can't fly for 6 months + 3 weeks for every extra offense.

Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Syerra Duplessis **YMCA Delegation:** Duncanville High School

**YMCA:** Oak Cliff YMCA **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 10th

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

5. An act allowing all those convicted and incarcerated for misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies to be present for the birth of their partner's child and declaring an emergency.

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7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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9. Section I. DEFINITIONS:

10. Misdemeanor: a crime less serious than a felony

11. Felony: the most serious class of offense throughout the United States.

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13. Section II. PROVISIONS:

14. This bill shall allow all convicts of misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies to be present for the birth of their partner's child.

15. This bill shall allow convict(s) to leave penal institution 1 hour after birth of child.

16. This bill shall allow a guard to stay with convict throughout 16 hour visit of the child birth.

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18. Section III. PENALTIES:

19. If the institution does not allow all those convicted and incarcerated for misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies to be present for the birth of their partner's child, the institution will be presented with a warning.

20. If the institution does not allow all those convicted and incarcerated for misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies to be present for the birth of their partner's child for the second time, then the institution shall pay a fine worth 10% of their taxes.

21. If the institution does not allow all those convicted and incarcerated for misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies to be present for the birth of their partner's child for the third time, then the warden of the institution's license shall be revoked as well as the institution's.

22. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

23. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

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26. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

27. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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# **COMMITTEE**

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**Anish Siddabhattuni**

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**Jasmine Kaur**

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**Ryan Hess**

**Author:** Suprabhas Narisetty **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
**YMCA:** Dallas YMCA **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 9th Grade

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act prohibiting plastic surgery under the age of 21 and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Plastic Surgery - the process of reconstructing or repairing parts of the body, especially by the transfer of tissue, either in the treatment of injury or for cosmetic reasons.

B. Prohibiting - formally forbid by law, rule or other authority

C. Congenital - (especially of a disease or physical abnormality) present from birth.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. The exceptions to this bill include burn or other types of injury damage victims, congenital conditions, and disease or illness damage.

B. In order for plastic surgery to be performed under the age of 21, one needs a medical report from three different doctors stating that they meet the criteria stated above.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Towards the offender -

A. First Offense - A fine of no less than a \$1,000

B. Second Offense - A fine of no less than \$2, 500

C. Third Offense - A fine of no less than \$10,000

Towards the medical professional -

A. First Offense - A fine of no less than \$1,500

B. Second Offense - A fine of no less than \$3,000

C. Third Offense - 2 years of jail time

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature. (You May amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act limiting sand mining in Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Sand export – The export of sand

Erosion – The movement of sediments from a location normally due to natural means

Illegal profits – The portion of the money made from the sand mined over the limit

Sand mining – The mining of sand from rivers and lakes

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

The export of sand is causing river banks to erode and to begin to widen which could lead to damage to structures further down the stream. The river can also change its course if the mining is not done carefully and so can destroy plans and the habitats of animals. Imposing a maximum of one million (1,000,000) tons of sand mined per year per company.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

First offence – All illegal profits confiscated and a warning

Second offence – All illegal profits confiscated and a 10% fine

Third offence – All illegal profits confiscated and a 50% fine

Fourth offence and onwards – All illegal profits confiscated and a 100% fine

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect three hundred sixty-five (365) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



**Author:** Anish Siddabhattuni **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of NTX  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA. **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 12th

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act ~~disregarding the parallel parking section of the Texas Driver's Road Test~~ and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

~~parallel parking – the parking of a vehicle or vehicles longitudinal to the road side  
Texas Driver's Road Test – a procedure designed to test a person's ability to drive a motor vehicle. It exists in various forms worldwide and is often a requirement to obtain a driver's license.~~

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

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**Section III. PENALTIES:**

~~No aplicable Penalties.~~

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature. ~~(You May amend if your bill presents exceptions).~~

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring that acceptance into public colleges be based on cumulative weighted GPA over 4 years of college rather than school rank and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Public college- university that is publicly owned or receives significant public funds through a national or subnational government.
- B. Weighted GPA- GPA that takes the difficulty of your classes into account along with your grades out of a 6.0 scale.
- C. School Rank- The graded ranking of a student in comparison with his or her peers.
- D. Tuition Fees- Fees that only include education materials, and tuition such as classes.
- E. Small college- A college that has fewer than 5,000 students on campus.
- F. Medium college- A college with 5,000-15,000 students on campus.
- G. Large college- A college with over 15,000 students on campus.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. Small public colleges operating within the State of Texas must auto admit anyone with a weighted GPA of 4.6.
- B. Medium-size public colleges operating within the State of Texas must auto admit any student with a weighted GPA of 4.8.
- C. Large size public colleges operating within the State of Texas must auto admit any student with a weighted GPA of 5.1.
- D. GPA will be issued out every 6 weeks to let students be informed of their current college admissions outlook, and districts that don't have a 6.0 scale for GPA will have students receive their GPAs every semester from the school.
- E. School districts that do not have an adequate amount of funding and are also located in a heavily low-income demographic can receive financial accommodation from the fees of violations of other high schools to send ranks every six weeks.
- F. As all districts don't have a 6.0 scale GPA, the colleges will convert every student's GPA to a 6.0 scale to determine auto-admits.
- G. Students can choose not to receive their GPA every six weeks/semester if their parents approve and consent.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. Any public colleges in the state of Texas found in violation of the above provisions are subject to the following punishments:
- B. First offense: The college will have to pay 5% of every student's tuition fees, only applying to students admitted solely based on rank.
- C. Second offense: If the administration fails to comply with this rule the following year, the fee will rise to 10% for every student admitted into college based on their school rank solely.
- D. Third offense: The fee will rise to 15% for every student and will have to be paid to the Texas Department of Revenue.
- E. Fourth and later offenses: The college will be required to pay 20% of each student's tuition fee to the Texas Department of Revenue. Further actions, based on the willingness of the college to fix their problems, will be implemented.
- F. Admitted into the college based on their rank solely means a student getting accepted solely into a college based on his rank being top 10% in his school instead of the required GPA for auto-admit.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE**



55 This act shall take effect on July 1st, 2019 after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

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57 Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

58 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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60 Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

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62 the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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57 bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby  
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Author: Jeremiah Escalona YMCA Delegation: DHS.  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas. Grade: 10.

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act requiring** Students that are in athletics to have a 3.0 G.P.A in order to play and declaring an emergency.

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- **Deadline:** The last time or date by which something should be completed.
- **Cut off:** a point or level that is designated limit of something.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- Pass every class
- Must have B+ or higher in every class

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

- You will be unable to play athletics in till your grades are up
- Won't be able to practice with the team it tell you are passing
- Cut off the team if you don't meet the deadline

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.**  
(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

**All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

**If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.**

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Eli Scott **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas

**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 11th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act instituting a market-determined minimum wage and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Market-determined wages:**

- A.) Are based on the unique market forces of supply and demand for entry-level workers.
- B.) Prevail in an individual geographical location and for a specific industry.
- C.) Can easily be adjusted up or down in response to changes in market conditions.
- D.) Require no costly bureaucratic enforcement.

**Government-mandated wages:**

- A.) Are set arbitrarily based on political considerations.
- B.) Remain fixed and static for long periods of time.
- C.) Require a costly bureaucratic enforcement.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

Minimum wage shall reflect the economic reality, including changing market conditions and inflation. When wages supply and demand, there is no costly government bureaucracy required. Market wages should be "free" since they impose no increased regulatory cost on Texas taxpayers as referred to in Section III.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A.) Market-based wages require minimal state enforcement mechanisms, however, employers who fail to implement the proposed market-based minimum wages will still be subject to penalties under the Wages and the Fair Labor Standards Act, which includes:
  - i.) Employers who willfully or repeatedly violate the minimum wage or overtime pay requirements are subject to a civil money penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

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4. An act requiring the increase of the passing score for minors in the driver's license
5. test and declaring an emergency.
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7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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9. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
10. A. Minor: A person under the age of 18.
11. B. Driver's License: A document permitting a person to drive a motor vehicle.
12. Driver's License Test: A procedure designed to test a person's ability to drive
13. a motor vehicle and is a requirement to drive a car legally.
14. C. Motor Vehicle: A road vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine; an
15. automobile.
16. D. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV): A state-level government agency that
17. administers vehicle registration and driver licensing.
18. E. Driver's License Score: The accumulation of points given by the license test
19. administrator scored based on the driver's license score sheet.
20. F. Driver's License Score Sheet: A sheet in which the criteria necessary to earn
21. points on the license exam is listed and recorded.
22. G. Exam Administrator: The grader of the license exam who oversees the exam
23. as well.
24. H. Third Party Company: A location at which license exams may be administered
25. rather than the DMV.
26. I. Failure: A score below the passing score.
27. J. Driver Education Course: a formal class or program that prepares a new
28. driver to obtain a learner's permit or driver's license.
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30. Section II. PROVISIONS:
31. A. Minors are required to score higher than a 79 to pass.
- 32.
33. Section III. PENALTIES:
34. A. Apply every three consecutive fails.
35. First Offense:
36. A. The driver has to wait 2 months before attempting driver's license test.
37. Second Offense:
38. A. The minor must retake a driver's education course before re-attempting the
39. exam.
40. Further Offenses:
41. A. Driver must wait 1 month before attempting driver's license test.
- 42.
- 43.
44. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
45. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth
46. Legislature.
- 47.
48. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
49. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent
50. of the conflict.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring public school districts with a population of 10,000 or more students to construct a recovery highschool and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Public School Districts:** A school district is a special-purpose district that operates local public primary and secondary schools in various nations.

**Recovery High School:** Recovery high schools are secondary schools designed specifically for students in recovery from substance use disorder or dependency.

**TEA:** Texas Education Agency

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. Recovery high schools help students after treatment and focus on the work of education, securing academic credits and reintegrating into life in a safe, supportive environment.

B. Having recovery high schools would help provide a smooth transition from treatment back into school. Also, allows students to have the opportunity to earn their diploma.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

1st Offense: Warning to the district.

2nd Offense: 2% of funding will be cut.

3rd Offense: The school will lose 2% of their funding each time they do not comply with this bill.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect three (3) years after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.

**Author:** Kelsey Niette **YMCA Delegation:** Garland High School **YMCA:** White Rock YMCA.  
**City:** Garland. **Grade:** 9th Grade.

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all public schools in the state of Texas to supply all female students with feminine hygiene products and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Feminine Hygiene Product: a product such as a pad or tampon; a hygiene product used by females during menstruation.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

Feminine Hygiene Products shall be made readily available for all female students in the girls' restroom. These products shall be paid for by a percentage taken from the taxpayers' dollars and from the money that the school receives from the district every year. The way these products will be distributed is through an electronic machine that will be installed into all girls' restrooms in each public school. Each student that is in need of any feminine hygiene products will be able to scan an ID or type in an ID number provided by the school and then the necessary products will come out of the machine. If the school does not require or provide IDs or ID numbers for all students, the school will provide the student in need with a special ID or code to be scanned or typed in to the machine in order for the student to receive the necessary product. Any necessary maintenance on these machines will be taken care of by the district. If the student has used the machine more than nine (9) times, the nurse or a female administrator will be notified and will ensure that the student does not require medical attention.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

\$500 per restroom, per school for the first (1) offense to be paid for by the district  
\$750 per restroom, per school for the second (2) offense to be paid for by the district  
\$1,000 per restroom, per school for the third (3) offense to be paid for by the district  
After each offense, per restroom, per school, the fine will increase by \$250 after the second (2) offense. If no change has been made after the fifth (5) offense, the State of Texas will then be forced to penalize the school with a fine, not to exceed \$3,000 and a cut from the funding, not to exceed 5%, based on the amount of offenses and their severity.

If the nurse is not ensuring that a student that used more than nine (9) feminine hygiene products does not require medical attention, the school will be fined \$500 per offense.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect at the start of the next calendar school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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Author: Ryan Hess YMCA Delegation: Prosper High School  
YMCA: McKinney City: McKinney Grade: 10

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act to legalize the operation of supervised injection sites and declaring an emergency.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Supervised injection sites:** Clinics that enforce an overdose prevention program where people addicted to injected illicit substances can consume preobtained drugs under medical supervision, in addition to getting resources about recovery.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- a) All facilities are approved at the discretion of the city and county of which it will operate in.
- b) All facilities are required to employ health care professionals capable of administering first aid.
- c) All facilities are required to supply sterile consumption supplies.
- d) All facilities are required to educate participants on risks of HIV and related viruses.
- e) All facilities are required to educate participants on overdose prevention and supply naloxone hydrochloride, and calcium channel blockers, or respective equivalents.
- f) All facilities are required to provide access or referrals to long-term treatment options.
- g) All facilities are required to submit annual reports to the city and county of operation in which it operates detailing the number of attendants, number of overdoses on site, number of overdoses reversed, medications administered, and the number of individuals referred to other treatments.

**Section III. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).**

**Section IV. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

**All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

**Section V. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

**If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.**

**Section VI. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

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**Author:** Thandiwe Ndhlukula **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act making the child to caregiver ratio in a registered primary caregiver's home 8:1 between ages birth and 13 and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Registered: enter or record on an official list or directory.

Primary: of chief importance; principal

Caregiver: paid helper who regularly looks after a child or a sick, elderly, or disabled person.

Maximum: as great, high, or intense as possible or permitted.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

a. All current registered primary child caregivers should comply to the bill within the effective date

b. Caregivers cannot have more than 8 children between the birth and 13 years old in their individual care.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

1st offense: 500 dollars fine per day of excess

2nd offense: 1,500 dollar fine per day of excess

3rd offense: suspension of license for 6 months

4<sup>th</sup> offense: license removed permanently

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (365) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature. (You

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**Author** Chloe Tinzie    **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
**YMCA:** McKinney    **City:** McKinney.    **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act allowing state sponsored work visas dependent on an economic indicator and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Work Visa:** A visa giving one the ability to take a job in a country other than the one in which one is a citizen.

**Economic indicator:** statistic about an economic activity. Economic indicators allow analysis of economic performance and predictions of future performance

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

a. The work visas are only valid for 3 years at a time, and must go through a process of renewal with the Texas government

b. The state sponsored work visa does not provide a direct means to citizenship, it is solely for economic purposes of the state

c. Migrants will be chosen through a selective process designed by the state government

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

There are no penalties for this bill

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Author:** Alizay Azeem   **YMCA Delegation:** Allen High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney   **City:** Allen   **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act relating to Texas state funding for mandatory recycling programs in public schools and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- a. Recycling program: the process of efficiently sorting and collecting recyclable material such as paper, glass, plastic, textiles etc. and converting them for re-use; programs include a collection of biodegradable materials for composting
- b. Public schools: institutions, including primary and secondary schools and universities, funded by the State of Texas

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- a. The State shall hereby grant funding for the implementation of recycling programs at public education institutions.
- b. Hence, recycling programs at public schools shall be mandatory, granted with state funding
- c. Recycling programs should include comprehensible division of paper, plastic, glass, and biodegradable materials

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Failure for schools to comply with mandatory recycling regularly shall result in a 1% cut in funding from the State

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature. (You May amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

1 Author: Ariana Palomo YMCA Delegation: McKinney High School  
2 YMCA: McKinney YMCA City: McKinney Grade: 10  
3

4 **A BILL**  
5 **TO BE ENTITLED**  
6

7 An act requiring genetic screening for newborns and declaring an emergency.  
8 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
9

10 Section I. DEFINITIONS:

11 Genetic Screening: The sequencing of human DNA in order to discover genetic differences,  
12 anomalies, or mutations that may prove pathological.  
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14 Section II. PROVISIONS:

- 15 A) Genetic screening detects genetic disorders, or dysfunctions, that newborns may suffer  
16 from. There are multiple genetic disorders that are not diagnosed because they are  
17 subtle and require a further evaluation, a blood test. Some genetic disorders are linked  
18 to behavioral tendencies that don't only affect health, but additionally affect their  
19 education and could even be linked to any criminal tendencies. Having these disorders  
20 diagnosed at an early age will allow the newborn to be treated for it as soon as  
21 possible.  
22 B) In the occasion that parents do not want a genetic screening performed on their  
23 newborn they have the option to opt out by signing a series of documents.

24 Section III. PENALTIES:

25 First offense: The hospital's taxes will be increased by 5%

26 Second offense: The hospital's taxes will be increased by 10%

27 Third offense: The hospital's taxes will continue to increase by 2% every time another offense  
28 is committed.  
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30 Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

31 This act shall take effect ninety (180) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
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33 Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

34 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the  
35 conflict.  
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37 Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

38 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature  
39 that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.  
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41 Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to authorize the widespread use of geothermal energy across companies of medium and large sizes and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Medium Businesses - Businesses that have more than \$15 million in sales per year and has more than 250 employees.
- B. Large business - Business that makes more than \$27 million in sales per year and has more than 450 employees.
- C. Geothermal Energy - Thermal energy generated and stored in the Earth.
- D. Geothermal Vertical Loop System - Pipes that go 50-400 ft. deep are connected to a geothermal unit, pipes have an ethanol solution or antifreeze solution which gets heated as it gets closer to the earth's core, as ethanol/antifreeze solution comes back up to surface, the geothermal unit then extracts the heat from the ethanol solution distributing throughout the property.
- E. Geothermal Horizontal Loop System - Pipes are 6-10 ft. deep and 100 ft. long. Horizontal loop systems have ethanol/antifreeze solution which gets heated by the heat trapped in the ground. Geothermal unit absorbs heated unit, providing heat throughout the property.
- F. Binary Cycle Power Plants - Geothermal fluid that gets heated by earth's core gets absorbed by a heat exchanger which heats up a separate geothermal fluid, which gets turned into a vapor, turning a turbine thus creating electricity.
- G. Flash Steam Power Plants - Uses geothermal fluid that turns into a vapor due to high heat to spin a turbine creating electricity, and injects some water back into the ground to get heated again, thus repeating the cycle.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. Medium Businesses within the State of Texas must have at least 10% of their total energy usage be derived from geothermal energy.
- B. Large businesses within the State of Texas must have at least 15% of their total energy usage be derived from geothermal energy.
- C. Texas State Energy Conservation Office will verify the energy consumption of a business, and determine if the business meets geothermal energy usage requirements.
- D. Businesses are required to use vertical or horizontal geothermal loop systems or use binary cycle power plants or flash steam power plants.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. Any businesses that violate the provisions listed above are subject to the following penalties.
  - a. First offense: Business will be required to pay \$10,000 fine to the Texas Department of Revenue as well as having a business operator report to a district court.
  - b. Second offense: Business will be required to pay \$30,000 fine to the Texas Department of Revenue as well as having the business operator report to the District Court.
  - c. Third offense and later offenses: Business will be required to pay \$60,000 fine to the Texas Department of Revenue as well as having a business operator report to a district court. Business will also be subject to having their license terminated for 180 days after it is officially declared that the business has indeed violated the provisions listed above.

57. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:  
58. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
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60. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:  
61. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the  
62. conflict.  
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64. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:  
65. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature  
66. that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.  
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68. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:  
69. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses  
70. create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring  
71. bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby  
72. suspended.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Ja'Breion Hill YMCA Delegation: Skyline High School  
YMCA: White Rock City: Dallas Grade: 10<sup>th</sup>

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring Texas public schools to increase their budget by 10% for security personnel including SRO's and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Budget-** an amount of money allowed for a certain purpose

**SRO-** School resource officer

**TEA-** Texas Education Agency

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

The designated legal intent of this piece of legislature is to increase Texas public schools budget for security purposes to prevent a massive breach in school security and improve the safety of students. The money designated shall only be used for security equipment and the hiring of qualified security personnel. The (TEA) Texas Education Agency shall monitor public schools districts in Texas to ensure that the money is used properly and solely for student safety.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Failure to comply with this act shall result in a multiple school fines up to \$15,000.

Continuation of noncompliance could result in an investigation by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and criminal sanctions.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



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3  
4 **A BILL**  
5 **TO BE ENTITLED**  
6

7 An act increasing the requirements to getting a long-gun declaring an emergency.

8  
9 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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11 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

12 Gun- A weapon that propels bullets by explosive force typically making a loud noise.

13 Gun Holder-

14 Open Carrier- a person who has gone through the legal process to own and carry a firearm in  
15 public.

16 Long gun- Is a category of firearm typically with a long barrel(s).

17 CHL-" Concealed Handgun License"-The Texas handgun carry permit was previously called a  
18 "Concealed Handgun License"  
19

20 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

21 A. This act shall limit the type of gun an open carry can have at all times to a Handgun

22 B. All licensed gun holders shall return all long guns into their local firearm store presenting a  
23 current ID (which shall be put into a database)

24 C. The buyer of a firearm in the grade of a long gun shall be required to have a -CHL

25 D. In order to get a long gun, a person shall go to their local firearm store(s) to rent the long  
26 gun with your CHL and an up to date ID.

27 E. A long gun shall only be used for the purpose of hunting and may only be rented during  
28 recognized hunting seasons (and turned in by the end of the hunting season they have rented it for)

29 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

30 If the the licensed gun holder does not turn his or her in long gun they will be:

- 31 • 1st offense: Issued a fine that shall increase by \$500 over the span of 2 months
- 32 • 2nd offense: The person must make an appearance in court
- 33 • 3rd Offense: A warrant for the his or her arrest

34 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

35 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
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37 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

38 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the  
39 conflict.  
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41 **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

42 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature  
43 that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.  
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Author: Quintin Taylor YMCA Delegation: Duncanville high  
YMCA: Oak cliff City: Oak cliff Grade: 9th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating that all Texas police academy be the same length of time declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- 1) Police: the civil force of a national or local government, responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the maintenance of public order.
- 2) Police academy: a police academy is a training school for new police recruits, also known as law enforcement academy.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- 1) This bill is an act mandating that all Texas police academies be the same length of time.
- 2) All police officers in training shall be required to have nine months of experience at the police academy.
- 3) All current police officers will be required to go back to police academy.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- 1 offense) suspension of police chief
- 2 offense) fire the police chief.
- 3 offense) fire the mayor.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Anchita Sharma  
**YMCA:** Plano **City:** Frisco

**YMCA Delegation:** Centennial  
**Grade:** 10

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i. **A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

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4. An act supervising over-fishing in lakes in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency.

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6. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the state of Texas.

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8. Section I. DEFINITIONS:

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10. over-fishing: deplete the stock of fish in (a body of water) by too much fishing.

11. Supervising: observe and direct the execution of (a task, project, or activity).

12.

13. Section II. PROVISIONS:

14.

15. Citizens shall not over fish in the lakes of Texas.

16. If the law enforcement observes a severe reduction of marine life in lakes, particularly fish, fishing will be banned at that lake and fishers will be questioned.

17. After the investigation, those who were found guilty of over-fishing will face the penalties below.

18.

19. Section III. PENALTIES:

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21. Any person found in violation of the above provision is subject to the following punishments

22.

23. First offense: violator will be asked to stop abusing fishing rights.

24. Second offense: violator will be fined \$100.

25. Third Offense: Violator will be charged with a final fine of \$250.

26. Fourth Offense: Violator will be banned from fishing at that lake.

27. Any further offense: The violator will be required to help restore the marine life they depleted through mandatory community service.

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29. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

30.

31. This act shall take place ninety days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

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33. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

34.

35. All laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of conflict.

36.

37. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

38. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is to the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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40. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

41.

42. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring Bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

1 **Author:** Armaan Sood **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas **HS**  
2 **YMCA:** McKinney **City:** Allen **Grade:** 11

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4 **A BILL**  
5 **TO BE ENTITLED**

6  
7 An act requiring automatic voter registration and declaring an emergency.

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9 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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11 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

12 Automatic Voter Registration- Eligible citizens that interact with government agencies are  
13 registered to vote unless they decline and agencies transfer voter registration information  
14 electronically to election officials.

15 Government Interaction- Any instance of a citizen doing business with a government agency.

16 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- 17 a. Information acquired through government interactions will be in the government  
18 database, from where that information can be used for voter registration.  
19 b. People that do not want to be registered voters will have the opportunity to opt-out  
20 at any time that they wish  
21 c. Government agencies that fail to put the information into the system will be penalized  
22 by losing a certain percentage of their budget for the following year.

23  
24 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

- 25 1<sup>st</sup> offense- 1% decrease in budget  
26 2<sup>nd</sup> offense- 3% decrease in budget  
27 3<sup>rd</sup> and all subsequent offenses- 5% decrease in budget

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29 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

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32 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Jessica Cabrasawan **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act establishing public school zones as no idling zones for motor vehicles and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Idling: extended operation of a motor vehicle engine without movement of the vehicle.
- B. Public School Zone: pre-established legal school zone surrounding an institute of education.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. No motor vehicle will be allowed to idle for a consecutive time of 3 minutes or more within a public school zone.
- B. The Texas Driver's Education course curriculum concerning public school zones must be updated accordingly.
- C. All licensed drivers must be notified through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

1st Offense: A fine to the motor vehicle owner of \$50 and an additional \$10 per minute spent idle.  
2nd Offense: A fine to the motor vehicle owner of \$60 and an additional \$15 per minute spent idle.  
3rd and Additional Offenses: A fine to the motor vehicle owner of \$75 and an additional \$20 per minute spent idle.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

Author: Ronnie Burns YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School.  
YMCA: Oak Cliff YMCA. City: Dallas Grade: 10th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act legalizing gambling and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Gambling- play games of chance for money; bet.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. This bill will not only allow Texas citizens to gamble it will allow the Texas government will be able to take a certain percent of the profit.

B. Currently only casinos on Native American land are legal.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

A. Since this bill is against the Texas government; I will not be able to penalize them.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

# **COMMITTEE**

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**Author:** Alexander Searles **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA. **City:** Dallas. **Grade:** 11

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act stating that cases of Texas eminent domain will be debated (argued or presented or brought before court) in court, and decided on by a jury comprised of the unbiased public and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Eminent domain: The power of the State to seize private property for public use.

B. Jury: a group of persons sworn to render a verdict or true answer on a question or questions officially submitted to them.

B. CIVIL LAWSUIT: A lawsuit regarding non-criminal activities such as house border disputes.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. At any point when eminent domain is to be exercised, and the current owner of the land refuses to sell, the case will be taken to public court, where it will be determined if the land will stay in the possession of its owner, or the government.

B. If the land is to be transferred to the government, the court will decide what is just compensation for the land based on current prices.

C. In the case of eminent domain affecting multiple land owners, the case will be classified as a civil lawsuit.

D. Funding will be taken from the yearly city government budget for eminent domain purchases in Texas.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

The city annual budget will receive a fine of 1% of the cost of the projected value of the land, increasing with each violation

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect three hundred and sixty-five days (365) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**Author:** Annie Christie **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine Int'l Academy of North Texas  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 11

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act offering a tax incentive to manufacturing or hybrid businesses that produce at least three products with recycled materials to replace three products and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Manufacturing business:** a business that buys products with the intention of using them as materials for a new product.

**Hybrid business:** a company that can be classified as multiple types of businesses, such as a restaurant that fills customer orders (service business) and also uses ingredients to transform into a meal (manufacturing).

**Product:** an article or substance that is manufactured or refined for sale.

**Tax incentive:** ways of reducing taxes for businesses in exchange for specific desirable actions or investments on their parts.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality:** Texas' agency for the environment.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

**A.** Businesses in the state of Texas that manufacture products in Texas will receive a tax incentive from the Texas government from their annual taxes if they produce at least three products made from recycled materials and replace three other products.

**B.** The type of product produced and replaced is up to the discretion of the business.

**C.** The recycled material used for the product is up to the discretion of the business.

**D.** The tax incentive should cover the difference in prices of the replaced good versus the newly produced one at a 20% cut annually.

**E.** Proposals from the businesses will be accepted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and reviewed to be offered the tax incentive.

**F.** Businesses must send in official documents proving that the transition has been made each year subsequent to being approved for the tax incentive.

**G.** The eligibility of the product for the tax incentive is up to the discretion of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

**A.** If businesses are found discontinuing their recycled products or bringing replaced products back without notifying the state and voluntarily exempting themselves from the incentive, they will be immediately exempt from the tax incentive and not considered for it again, additionally they will be required to pay back any money they've wrongfully saved from the tax incentive.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

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4. An act making it mandatory to place Blue Light Emergency Phones 1 mile apart from each
5. other in public and community parks and declaring an emergency.
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7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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9. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
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11. Community Park: A Community Park is the larger category of parks meant to serve a larger
12. geographic area than the surrounding neighborhood. These parks are designed to engage
13. families and visitors for an entire day with multiple and diverse activities and amenities
14. throughout.
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16. Public Park: A "public park" shall mean a public playground, public recreation center or
17. area, and other public areas, created, established, designated, maintained, provided or set
18. aside by the City, for the purposes of public rest, play, recreation, enjoyment or assembly,
19. and all buildings, facilities and structures located
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22. Section II. PROVISIONS:
23. If you are in distress or in danger go left or right to find the nearest Blue Light Emergency
24. Phone and push a button immediately sending the nearest patrol officer to your current
25. location. Once you click the button you will be placed with the current operator managing
26. the phone the 911 quick line and talk through the microphone and speaker embedded in
27. the Blue Light Emergency Phone System. There will also be a camera built into the Blue
28. Light Emergency Phone to provide the situation and extra context if needed.
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30. Section III. PENALTIES:
31. 1. Warning – If Unnecessary
32. 2. \$100 Fine – If Unnecessary
33. 3. \$200 Fine – If Unnecessary
34. 4. \$500 Fine – If Unnecessary and continuing
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37. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
38. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
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41. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the
42. conflict.
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44. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
45. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature
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48. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:
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50. create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule
- requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule
- hereby suspended.

**Author:** Dora Pang **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** Allen **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act enabling atheists to run for and hold public office and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Enable: to give (someone or something) the authority or means to do something

Atheist: a person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of God or gods

Hold: to have as a privilege or position of responsibility.

Public Office: an office created by a constitution or legislative act, having a definite tenure, and involving the power to carry out some governmental function

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

All local and state offices shall be open to atheist or agnostic candidates without need for religious testing. Specifically repeals Sec. 4 of the Texas Bill of Rights.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Should an irreligious candidate be denied the chance to run, state funding of the respective area's infrastructures and programs will be decreased. If the irreligious candidate is then allowed to run, state funding will then resume.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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Author: Mouctar Diallo YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High school  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas Grade: 11

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act requiring educator to have a CPR certification first aid training and declaring an emergency.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**CPR—a medical procedure involving repeated compression of a patient's chest, performed in an attempt to restore the blood circulation and breathing of a person who has suffered cardiac arrest.**

**First Aid—help given to a sick or injured person until full medical treatment is available.**

**Educator— a person who provides instruction or education; a teacher.**

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

**(A) All teachers in the state of Texas shall be required to complete a credible CPR Certification Course and First Aid Class. Teachers shall be required to consistently renew their CPR/First Aid Certification (every 2 years).**

**(B) The school board will ensure that teachers are renewing and completing the necessary training outlined in the provisions of this legislation.**

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

**(A) First offense: The teacher shall receive a warning, placed on administrative leave for 5 days and will not be able to return to his/her job without the school board receiving these documents.**

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**This act shall take place on the 2019-2020 school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.**

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

**All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**



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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Ava Fisher **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** Dallas **Grade**

## **A BILL To Be Entitled**

An act requiring Texas legislature to cover a higher percentage of the totals funds necessary for public education and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Legislature- the governing body of the state of Texas, including the House of Representatives and Senate

Percentage- a certain proportion of the total dollar amount needed to fund education in Texas

Funds- total dollar amount required to maintain the current quality of education in Texas

Public Education- education that is funded through state, local, and federal funds and made available to all students in a particular area in Texas

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- a) Promised ASATR funds must be returned to school districts that honored the compression tax reduction in 2006
- b) The percentage of the total funds required for public education covered by the state must be raised to at least 45%
- c) The funds will be restored by liquidating money from the Texas reserves and reducing recent tax breaks to businesses with money intended for the ASATR program

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

The legislature will not be permitted to recess until the state funds allocated to public education are restored to pre- ASATR levels of 45% coverage

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect prior to the beginning of the following school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

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Author: Franchesca Jennings YMCA Delegation: Skyline Magnet High School  
YMCA: White Rock YMCA City: Dallas Grade: 11

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act Friendship Bill and declaring an emergency.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Convict: Declare someone to be guilty of a criminal offense by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court of law.

Felon: A person who has been legally convicted of a defined crime.

Vote: A formal expression of opinion or choice.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

Once the felon is released they shall be given and not restricted to the right to vote in one's society in which they live in. Therefore, this bill ensures everyone has a voice about issues facing their own society. To adhere at the opportunity to acknowledge felons are still citizens and are objective to utilizing their votes.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

If more than one legal conviction of a major crime, the felon would be incompetent of casting a vote in the elections.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.**  
(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

**All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

1. Author: Mika Sood YMCA Delegation: Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
2. YMCA: McKinney City: McKinney  
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4. **A BILL**  
5. **TO BE ENTITLED**

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7. An act mandating the legalization of financial incentives for organ donors for the purpose of the  
8. transplant of organs and other body tissues and declaring an emergency.  
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10. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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12. Section I. DEFINITIONS:

13. **Organ Transplants:** A medical procedure in which an organ is transplanted from one body to the  
14. other often for the purpose of replacing a missing or damaged organ.

15. **Organ:** A compilation of tissues in an organism that have been designated or adapted to carry out a  
16. specific bodily function.

17. **Body Tissue(s):** An aggregation or bevy of similar cells that when together perform a specific task  
18. and make up key body structures such as organs.  
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20. Section II. PROVISIONS:

21. A. The immediate cessation of all prosecutions relating to Title 10-Section 42.08 of the Texas  
22. Penal Code and the subsequent elimination of the prohibition from the greater Texas Penal  
23. Code.

24. B. All hospitals offering financial incentives to donors must remain complicit in operations  
25. regarding organs acquired by these means. Individual screenings regarding whether the  
26. donor's organs meet transplant requirements is at the discretion of the hospital or operating  
27. venue  
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29. C. Donors will only receive financial compensation for their own organs to be utilized for  
30. transplants after their death. Amount and total of compensation will be determined by  
31. hospitals and other operation venues.

32. D. Failure of operation venues and donors to comply in the above provisions will be subject to  
33. the following penalties as outlined.  
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35. Section III. PENALTIES:

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37. **First Offense:** Initial breach of the above provisions will result in a fine of \$100,000 as per each case  
38. of non-adherence.

39. **Second Offense:** Violators will be stripped of their Texas Health and Human Services Commission  
40. (HHSC) accreditation and mandatory licensing required to operate on patients.  
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42. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

43. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

44. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

45. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

46. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

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48. other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

# **COMMITTEE**

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**Jacqueline Rogers**

**Paarth Dewan**

**Yamini Joshi**

Author: Haylie Keller YMCA Delegation: McKinney Boyd High School  
YMCA: McKinney, City: Dallas Grade: 9

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring cities with a population of over 10,000 to have a task force dealing with human trafficking and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Task Force - A unit of people specially organized for a task.
- B. Human Trafficking - The act or practice of illegally transporting people from one country/area to another, typically for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation.
- C. Population- All the inhabitants of a particular area.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. My bill is creating task forces in cities with populations over 10,000 to deal with the growing issue of human trafficking in the state of Texas.
- B. There are an estimated 79,000 child victims of human trafficking in the State of Texas, according to a 2017 study from the Institute of Domestic & Sexual Assault.
- C. This industry costs Texas \$6.6 billion dollars annually.
- E. The task force shall consist of no less than 6 people: a detective, a psychologist/therapist specializing in trauma associated with the victims, 2 state police members, and 2 civilian lawyers specializing in domestic and international trafficking.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. If a city is found non-compliant within the first 45 days after this bill has taken effect, the city will be given a warning and a notice stating that they have a 6-month window to enforce this bill.
- B. If the city is still found non-compliant, they will receive a 1% cut of their funding from the state. As well as being given a 1-month notice to enforce or suffer further offense.
- C. If the city has been found non-compliant after the first 2 offenses, they will receive a 2% funding cut. Any offense afterwards will be an additional 2% cut

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect 1 year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Sitreana Mitchell    **YMCA Delegation:** Mckinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** Mckinney YMCA.    **City:** Dallas    **Grade:** 10th

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An act requiring cancer patients to receive pay if they have to miss work for a medical treatment for 30 days or more.

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**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

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Stage 1 Cancer - a cancer is relatively small and contained within the organ it has started in

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Stage 2 Cancer - that the cancer cells have spread into lymph nodes close to the tumor

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Medical Treatment - means the management and care of a patient to combat disease or

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**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

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A. This will apply to cancer patients that are able to work, such as in stage 1 or 2.

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B. The majority of people with cancer are in less severe stages and still have to pay their bills if capable of working. This is why this bill is necessary.

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C. Current research shows that the price can be much higher than patients expect, leading some people to refuse potentially life saving treatment.

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D. Low-income people suffer the worst; they are least likely to have the flexibility to take time off for guarantee that will keep their jobs after treatment - remember they are the patients

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who need their income most.

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**Section III. PENALTIES:**

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First Offense: A warning.

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Second Offense: 1% of how much the business makes per year would be taken.

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Third Offense: 2% of how much the business makes per year would be taken.

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Fourth Offense: 3% of how much the business makes per year would be taken.

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Fifth Offense: The business would be shut down.

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**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

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This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

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**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to encourage the usage of bicycles in close range distances and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Bicycles- A manual form of transportation which is pedaled.
- B. Increase- Raising the value of a product or service.
- C. Decrease- Diminishing the value of a product or service.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. The encouragement of this act will be
  - 1. Imposing an increase in the price of gasoline.
  - 2. Decrease the price of bicycles.
  - 3. Create bicycle programs which give points/ money for every 10 miles you ride ( from taxes ).
- B. This act shall apply to all physically active citizens of the State of Texas.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

All businesses that violate the provisions above will be subject to the following punishments:

- A. A violation of this act will have no harm to the reputation of a Citizen of Texas but will result in higher expenses due to the increase in price of automatic vehicles.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect in the next fiscal year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both



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49 Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and  
50 this Rule hereby suspended.

Author: Alishan Tharani YMCA Delegation: Dallas  
YMCA: McKinney City: McKinney Grade: 12

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

An Act legalizing sports gambling in the state of texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

Sports Gambling: The activity of predicting sports results and placing a  
wager on the outcome

Wager: A formal term to define a bet; placing money on or laying odds.

Section II. PROVISIONS:

- Private organizations and companies will allow sports gambling for people ages 18 and older.

- Wager limit on one bet will be held to \$100,000 per person, statewide.

Section II. PENALTIES.

- Penalty for betting under the age of 18 will result in a fine of 1.5 times the bet amount.

Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect **90 (Ninety) days** after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

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**Author:** Shaheer Rahman **YMCA Delegation:** Allen High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** Allen **Grade:** 12

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**A BILL**

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**AN ACT FOR A STATEWIDE CARBON TAX**

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5. An act to establish a state-wide tax on carbon emissions and declaring an environmental emergency.

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7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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9. Section II. PROVISIONS:

10. Chapter 151 of the Texas state tax code is amended with the addition of a state-wide carbon tax and cap on carbon emissions. The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality and the Texas comptroller's office is put in charge of the implementation of this taxation. Carbon will be taxed \$20 per tonne, and there will be a carbon tax for all large corporations. The tax will be calculated in proportion to the size of the business.

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12. Section III. PENALTIES:

13. Corporations that fail to limit their carbon emissions beneath their designated carbon cap will need to pay a penalty of 5% of their cumulative profit for the year in which the cap is surpassed.

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15. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

16. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

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18. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

19. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the

20. conflict.

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29. bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby

30. suspended.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to limit carbon emissions of companies utilizing a carbon tax and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Carbon Emissions: carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide in the atmosphere, produced by industrial processes.
- B. Companies: Commercial businesses.
- C. Tax: a compulsory contribution to state revenue.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. A tax on the amount of Carbon emitted by companies will hereby be instated.
- B. This law will be effective as of January 2020.
- C. This carbon tax will be implemented on all companies within the state of Texas.
- D. All Companies will be required to submit annual taxes based on the amount of Carbon emissions they release monthly. Monthly reports will be filed with the TCEQ(Texas Commission on Environmental Quality).
- E. Monthly Reports on Carbon emissions being produced must be provided to TCEQ every month
  - a. Monthly reports must be completed once per month.
  - b. There is no minimum length to the monthly report.
  - c. The report must be dated and signed by the company.
  - d. Monthly reports must be authored and submitted to the TCEQ on the final day of every month.
  - e. The TCEQ reserves the right to verify carbon emissions reports at any time through both measuring emissions themselves and visiting any and all facilities.
- F. All funding for the above provisions shall be derived from current state funds and resources.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. Companies that fail to submit monthly reports for any reason shall be given the following consequences:
  - a. On the first offense, the institution shall be given a warning.
  - b. On the second offense, the company will be required to pay an additional 5% tax on the following reports for three months.(All reports are TCEQ verified after first offense).
  - c. On the third offense, the company will be required to pay an additional 5% tax for 1 year (365 days) following the offense.
  - d. On the fourth offense, the company will be required to an additional 5% tax for 2 years (730 days) following the offense.
  - e. On the fifth and any later offenses, company will pay an additional 10% tax for 2 years (730 days) following the offense.
- B. Individuals that somehow interfere with the processing and taxation of monthly reports are subject to the following consequences:
  - a. On the first offense, the individual(s) involved shall be given a warning.
  - b. On the second offense, each one of the individual(s) involved shall be fined \$500.
  - c. On the third offense, each one of the individual(s) involved shall be fined \$1,000.
  - d. On the fourth and any later offenses, each one of the individual(s) involved shall be fined \$2,500.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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Author: Jacqueline Rogers, YMCA delegation: Duncanville high school  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas Grade: 11

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act allowing Over the Counter Prescribed birth control pills.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

~~That over The counter birth control be available for girls no younger than the age of 15.~~

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

~~Over The Counter Birth Control shall be available to those older than 15. Any young woman under the age of 18 will provide a birth document, or other valid identification in the state of Texas.~~

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

~~A Prescribed supply of Birth control will be available In case of that act that is unprotected sex, In hopes of diminishing the rate of increasing foster care kids, and grievous abortions.~~

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

~~No penalties regarding this bill.~~

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

~~This act shall take effect sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.~~

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

**All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

**If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.**

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

**The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.**



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

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**YMCA:** Mckinney YMCA **City:** Frisco. **Grade:**9th.

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

5. An act mandating to put technology/buisness based classes in all public schools from 5th-8th  
6. grade and declaring an emergency.

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8. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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10. Section I. DEFINITIONS:

11. **Mandate:** a command or authorization to act in a particular way on a public issue  
12. given by the electorate to its representative

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14. Section II. PROVISIONS:

15. -The technology based classes will be a curriculum developed by the school district. There  
16. will be different levels. Students will advance through these levels throughout 5-8th grade.

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18. -The classes will include, coding, business, marketing, how to work different types of  
19. technology technologys, practice on marketing and business in the real world. Preparation for  
20. jobs and how to work with others. (communication skills)

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21. Section III. PENALTIES:

22. **Strike 1:** Failure to implement a curriculum of technology/business class will result in  
23. \$750 to the school district

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25. **Strike 2:** Failure to implement a curriculum of technology/business class will result in  
26. \$3000 to the school district

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27. **Strike 3:** Failure to implement a curriculum of technology/business class will result in  
28. \$5500 to the school district

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29. **Strike 4 and beyond:** Failure to implement a curriculum of technology/business class  
30. will result in \$750 added every one more strike to the school district.

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31. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

32. This act shall take effect in 2020-2021 school year after the adjournment of the Youth  
33. Legislature.

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35. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

36. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the  
37. conflict.

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**Author:** Yamini Joshi **YMCA Delegation:** Independence High School.

**YMCA:** Plano Family YMCA **City:** Frisco **Grade:** 11<sup>th</sup>

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to introduce free and mandatory annual mental health evaluations in public high schools and universities and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Mandatory: compulsory, required by law.

Annual: yearly

Public university: a university that is publicly owned or receives significant public funds through a national or subnational government, as opposed to a private university.

Mental health: a person's condition with regard to their psychological and emotional well-being.

Monthly mental health evaluation: A mental health assessment designed to diagnose mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, postnatal depression, eating disorders and psychotic illnesses.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. This is applicable for students ages 22 and under regardless of gender, citizenship or nationality.

B. Every single student must carry their identity card to verify that no other student is clocking in for screenings on their behalf and the database with all students' results must be regularly updated.

C. Every student in high school will receive a graduation cord in recognition of their achievements.

D. Each campus will be allocated 1-2 school psychologists (depending on the campus size to analyze their student's behavior and whoever has a positive response towards any mental health issues will be required to schedule more sessions until given permission to stop.

E. The government will be responsible to pay the psychologists and the district is required to send student demographics to the state government.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

A. If any public high school or university fails to follow these terms, then the following will occur:

1<sup>st</sup> offence - They will be given a warning

2<sup>nd</sup> offence - \$10000 warning

3<sup>rd</sup> offence - The school district funding will be cut by 5% every year

B. If any student tries to opt out of the program, they will be given detention and after that, they will be expelled.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

46. This act shall take effect for the following fall admission dates after the adjournment  
47. of the Youth Legislature.

48. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

49. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of  
50. the conflict.

51. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

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Author: Shreya Yemme. YMCA Delegation: Independence High School.  
YMCA: Plano YMCA. City: McKinney. Grade: 12.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

An act implementing a tax incentive for Texas residents who utilize alternative energy sources for their homes and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

Alternative Energy Source: energy generated in ways that do not deplete natural resources or harm the environment, especially by avoiding the use of fossil fuels and nuclear power. Examples include solar, wind, geothermal, hydroelectric, tidal, and biomass energy.

Tax Incentive: government measure that is intended to encourage individuals and businesses to spend money or to save money by reducing the amount of tax that they have to pay.

Tax: a compulsory contribution to state revenue, levied by the government on workers' income and business profits or added to the cost of some goods, services, and transactions.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality: the environmental agency for the state of Texas

Texas Environmental Protection Agency: an independent agency of the United States federal government for environmental protection which creates regulations that are mandatory requirements and can apply to individuals, businesses, state or local governments, non-profit institutions, or others.

Section II. PROVISIONS:

- A. The type of alternative energy that will be used is left to the discretion of the house owner but is required to pass the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Texas Environmental Protection Agency regulations set by the state government for the particular energy source.
- B. Those who implement and show valid proof, via utility bill or other documentation, that they have been using alternative energy for at least 8 months will receive a tax break.
- C. Any citizen of Texas who pays taxes shall be granted a decrease in taxes equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of the yearly costs to implement and maintain the alternative energy, if they fulfill the requirements mentioned above.

Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect six (6) months after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

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TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

**Author:** Brayden Miller

**YMCA Delegation:** Liberty High School

**YMCA:** Plano

**City:** Plano

**Grade:** 12th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring the implementation of self-defense curriculum in public middle and high school physical education classes and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Self-defense: The act of protecting oneself from potential harm
- B. Self-defense curriculum: Lessons teaching students self-defense techniques and strategies
- C. Public schools: Schools receiving funding from the State of Texas and are free to attend
- D. Physical education classes: Required elective for students to take in middle school and high school engaging students in physical activity

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. Self-defense curriculum will be provided through interactive videos on a website created by the Texas Education Agency
- B. Schools will have a unique username and password to enter the website
- C. Schools' progress in completing the curriculum will be monitored through the website; after each video is completed it will show up as completed in the website
- D. Public middle and high schools will be required to show students the complete set of videos over at least a two-week time span in physical education classes; this will be monitored by counting the days since the completion of the first video
- E. After the curriculum is completely taught, students will be required to take a 20 question exam created by the Texas Education Agency
- F. Exceptions will be made for public middle and high schools who do not have the resources to implement the curriculum on a case by case basis

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. If schools refuse or forget to teach the curriculum to students by the end of each school year, their state funding will be initially cut by 10%
- B. Subsequent offenses of Penalty A will result in a continuous 5% decrease in funding every school year (i.e.: 10% to 15% to 20% etc.)

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect the next school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to prevent invasive species of organisms from entering Texas and altering its environments and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Invasive species: a type of organism which is not native to a region and whose spread harms the environment of said region.
- B. Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (T.P.W.D.): a Texas state agency which protects wildlife and their habitats and manages parks and historical areas throughout the state.
- C. Contracting: delegating work to another person or corporation, especially through monetary payment.
- D. Hunter: one who finds and either captures or kills animals.
- E. Exterminator: one who finds and kills pests and other unwanted organisms.
- F. Range: the area in which a certain species lives.
- G. Tranquilize: to use chemicals on an animal to make it fall unconscious for a limited time period. typically done by shooting an animal with a dart that injects said chemicals into the organism.
- H. Mutilated: damaged to a great extent.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. The T.P.W.D. shall establish the Commission on the Protection of Native Species (C.P.N.S.). The C.P.N.S. shall oversee all efforts to combat existing invasive species and prevent new ones from entering.
- B. The C.P.N.S. shall compile a list of invasive species in Texas every six months to be posted on their website. It shall state each species' name, each animal's range, both native and after entering Texas, a short description for each animal, and how dangerous each animal is. This list shall be formally referred to as the Texas Invasive Species List.
- C. The C.P.N.S. shall be responsible for contracting hunters to search for and capture invasive animals and for contracting exterminators to search for and eliminate invasive plants.
- D. The C.P.N.S. shall establish a month-long training course which will instruct the contracted hunters and contracted exterminators on how to identify invasive species, what to do when they see one, how to handle it, and how to be safe.
- E. Hunters and exterminators shall be certified upon completing and passing the training course.
- F. Certified hunters must tranquilize and capture invasive animals on the Texas Invasive Species List when on duty to be transported to the nearest C.P.N.S. office. There, the specimen will either be transported to its native range or spayed/neutered and released so it can not reproduce.
- G. Certified exterminators must find and kill invasive plants when on duty. The invasive plant must be dug out of the ground and its roots mutilated so as to prevent offspring from growing.
- H. Hunters may not injure or kill the animal unless the hunter was in mortal danger. If a hunter kills an animal, a judge will rule on whether the hunter was defending their life. If it is ruled that the hunter was defending their life and is innocent, they will be permitted to continue hunting. If they are ruled guilty, they will face the outlined punishment.
- I. People are prohibited from transporting any invasive species on the Texas Invasive Species List into Texas.
- J. People can only bring non-native species not on the Texas Invasive Species List into

57 Texas after applying for and receiving a permit from C.P.N.S. and tagging and  
58 documenting each specimen imported.

59 K. People who already own non-native species in Texas at the time the bill goes into  
60 effect will not have to get a permit, but they have to tag and document each  
61 specimen. They must get a permit if they desire to import more of them.  
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63 Section III. PENALTIES:

64 A. When a hunter kills an animal and is ruled to be guilty or if an exterminator causes  
65 damage to non-invasive plants and is ruled to be guilty of negligence, they shall lose  
66 their certification and pay a fine of \$500. One year after the ruling is finalized, they  
67 shall be eligible to reapply.

68 B. If after reapplying, they commit the same offense again, their certification will be  
69 permanently revoked and they will have to pay a fine of \$1,000.

70 C. If one purposefully transports or allows the transport of invasive species into Texas,  
71 they will pay a fine of \$5,000 on the first attempt. For each subsequent attempt, they  
72 will pay the original fine plus \$500 per subsequent attempt.

73 D. People who import non-native species not on the Texas Invasive Species List without  
74 a permit must pay a fine of \$3,000. For each subsequent attempt, they must pay the  
75 original fine plus \$500 per subsequent attempt.  
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77 Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

78 This act shall take effect on December 15th, 2019 after the adjournment of the Youth  
79 Legislature.  
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81 Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

82 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the  
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85 Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

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91 create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring  
92 bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby  
93 suspended.

Author: Atul Kabre                      YMCA Delegation: Independence High School  
YMCA: Plano Family YMCA      City: Dallas              Grade: 11

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating the prohibition of school vouchers for students who have been attending private schools for over three years and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

School vouchers: A government tax credit for parents, equal to all or part of the cost of educating their child at a school other than the public school their child would normally attend.

Private schools: A school run and supported by private individuals or a corporation rather than by a government or public agency.

Tax credit: An amount of money that can be offset against a tax liability.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. Parents of students attending private schools shall be allocated voucher money for up to three years. Once this three-year period expires, parents shall no longer be allocated Voucher money and must pay for their child's private education in full.

B. Families with multiple children shall be allocated separate three-year periods for each child to receive voucher money.

C. Families who bring in an annual income of less than \$125,000 shall not be subject to this legislature.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

If any private school fails to follow these terms, each of the following will occur

A. 1<sup>st</sup> offense – Written warning

B. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense - Removal of 10% of voucher funding for the school every subsequent year

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect the school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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Author: Adham Aatiq YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High school  
YMCA: Oakcliff. City; Dallas. Grade: 9th

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

An act raising the current tax amount to fund AI production and development and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**1. Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

2. Artificial intelligence(AI)-Intelligence Demonstrated by a machine
3. Services- The action of helping of doing work for someone.
4. Autonomous- This means that an AI will not need help from people to operate.
5. Public Services- services your community provides that are funded by taxpayer.
6. ~Examples: Construction, Medical care Law enforcement(police) and schools/education

**7. Section II. PROVISIONS:**

8. Adds AI production to be added to the list of services, to help pay for the improvement of
9. Development of AI Product. Taxes Will now Fund people how are working towards
10. Technological advances to allow them to continue their work efficiently and effectively.
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**12. Section III. PENALTIES:**

13. **Penalty version 1:** Any said person or company that isn't using the tax money for what
14. They claim to be using it for is a federal offense, which in turn could be life in federal
15. Penitentiary.
16. **Penalty version 2:** If the contractor doesn't comply by paying the AI engineers and
17. Manufactures their proper payment the said Company will have their Asset Frozen until
18. All Claims are settled.

**19. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

20. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
21. (You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).
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**23. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

24. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the
25. Conflict.
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**27. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

28. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the 15
29. Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.
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**31. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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4. An act requiring Texan supermarkets to donate any unsold, unspoiled produce and
5. declaring an emergency.
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7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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9. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
10. Supermarkets: A legal entity that uses a space more than 5000 square feet to sell
11. food and household goods, including produce.
12. Unspoiled produce: Produce that is not rotting and/or unfit for consumption.
13. Charity: A nonprofit entity that serves as a "homeless shelter", "food bank", "food
14. pantry", "soup kitchen", or other distributor of food for impoverished/underprivileged
15. people.
- 16.
17. Section II. PROVISIONS:
18. A. Any produce that is safe to eat and/or cook with must be donated instead of
19. thrown away.
20. B. Every supermarket must sign a donation deal with a charity within 15 miles of its
21. location in which all produce shall be donated to that charity.
22. C. Only up to three supermarkets can be signed to the same charity at a time.
23. D. The National Taxonomy of Exempt Entities (NTEE) shall be in charge of
24. registration and regulation concerning the signing of supermarkets to charities.
25. E. The transportation of produce, as it is counted an everyday business expense,
26. shall attain a complete tax exemption due to it being an expense affiliated with charity.
27. F. If any food-related illness is caused specifically by produce that has been donated
28. by a supermarket it is signed to, it shall not be penalized as long as it is found to be not
29. intentional or not caused by negligence in court.
- 30.
31. Section III. PENALTIES:
32. A. Any supermarket found to be withholding produce from charities shall be fined
33. 5-15% of their monthly revenue depending on case, which shall be decided in court.
34. B. Any supermarket found to be giving away spoiled, inedible food intentionally shall
35. be fined \$8,500-\$200,000 depending on severity, which shall be decided in court.
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37. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
38. This act shall take effect eight months after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
- 39.
40. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
41. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of
42. the conflict.
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44. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
45. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the
46. Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 47.
48. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:
49. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both
50. Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional
51. Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and
52. this Rule hereby suspended.

**Author:** Mariam Elsayw **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy  
**YMCA:** Mckinney **City:** Mckinney **Grade:**10

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

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5. An act mandating paid maternity leave for a new parent for a minimum of 12 weeks but up to
6. 18 weeks and declaring an emergency.
7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
- 8.
9. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
10. Maternity Leave : a period of absence from work granted to a mother or father before and after
11. the the birth or adoption of their child.
12. FMLA: Family And Medical Leave Act
13. Parent: Either legal guardian that has custody over the child
- 14.
15. Section II. PROVISIONS:
16. The company is required to provide a new parent with up to 18 weeks of paid maternity leave,
17. although no less than 12 weeks of paid leave, within the child's first year of birth.
18. If the parent works on commissions they shall be paid according to the set salary they would
19. receive if on vacation, or sick leave.
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21. Section III. PENALTIES:
22. First offense: Warning issued to the company or business
23. Second offense: A Civil Court hearing, where the Judge determines how much the company or
24. business is fined.
25. Third offense: The company or business gets their business license revoked.
26. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
27. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
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29. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
30. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the
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33. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
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40. bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby
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Author: Jaclin Senesoury YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
YMCA: Oak Cliff YMCA City: Dallas Grade: 10th

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating all public title one districts in the state of Texas to be closed enrollment and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS**

Title One School: Receive Federal funds to provide extra help for all students

Closed enrollment: Districts only allowing students to enroll, that live in district zoning

At risk students: Students who are considered to have a higher risk of failing academically or dropping out of school.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A) This act shall not allow students that live outside of the district to transfer into the district
- B) students who already go to these schools will not be affected
- C) student who qualify as an at risk students may still transfer into the district

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A) First offence: receive a warning to student and school
- B) Second offence: School funding cut 3%
- C) third offence: 10% cut in funding until they become close

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect the following school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Nathan Varnell **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act entitling public and private employees to time off for voting on election day and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Employer - The provider of employment and work that pays salary or wages to employees.

B. State Elections - The election period held for state, county, and city elections to public office.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. Any voter shall on the day of the state elections be entitled to be absent from any service or employment, in public employment or private employment, for a period of not more than two hours (excluding any lunch or rest periods) between the time of opening and closing the polls to allow two consecutive hours for such employee to vote at a local polling center.

B. Such voter shall not be liable to any penalty by the employer or service due to such absence, nor shall there be any rescheduling of normal hours or any deduction made from any usual salary or wages by the employer. This absence is only denied provided that the employee already has a period of two consecutive hours within their hours of employment (excluding any lunch or rest periods) between the opening and closing hours of polls when the employee is not working for the employer.

C. The appropriate penalties and deductions may be made in the event that the employee fails to provide a voter's receipt or other verification of their voting during the allotted two consecutive hours granted for voting.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

A. Any person, business, or corporation who refuses an employee the privileges granted by this act or penalizes an employee because of the just use of these privileges, directly or indirectly, shall be subject to a fine up to \$2,000 in consequence. Any penalty or fine under this act shall be a civil action by the state.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature. (You May amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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Author: Zhy'yon Hoover YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School.  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Duncanville Grade: 11

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating those who receive unemployment benefits to undergo job training and placement in a job sector of personal choice and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

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**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- (A) Current unemployment benefit recipients shall be notified of mandated training and placement along with an application for participation and warning of loss of benefits exactly one (1) month before law is in effect.
- (B) Applications for unemployment benefits must be amended to include class and job sector application.
- (C) Those receiving unemployment benefits shall attend all required classes for their chosen sector per month and have confirmed attendance before getting check monthly.
- (D) After completion of classes, recipients shall gain a certificate of completion and skill.
- (E) Upon receiving certificate of completion and skill, recipients shall be placed in a job affiliated with chosen job sector and must therefore stop receiving unemployment benefits.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- (A) If required classes are not taken for a specified month, unemployment benefits will not be received for that month.
- (B) Any unemployment benefits not received due to incompleteness of class requirements cannot be received during any other month.
- (C) If classes remain uncompleted for three (3) consecutive months, recipient will be placed on probation, in which time they must complete requirements the following month. If requirements remain uncompleted, they shall be removed from the program and unable to reapply for a period of at least six (6) months.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Vivienne Garner **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 10th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

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5. An act requiring all counties to have inpatient drug rehabilitation beds proportionate to at least .02% of their population and declaring an emergency.
6. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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8. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
9. A. Inpatient: a patient who stays in a facility while under treatment.
10. B. Drug Rehabilitation: the process of medical or psychotherapeutic treatment for dependence on psychoactive substances such as alcohol, prescription drugs, and street drugs such as marijuana, cocaine, heroin or amphetamines.
11. C. Beds: space available for rehabilitative care.
- 12.
13. Section II. PROVISIONS:
14. A. In Collin County, the population is over 914,000 people, as of 2017. The number of beds available for inpatient drug rehabilitation care programs for people without insurance in 2017 was 28. This was proportionate to .003% of the population. As a result, hundreds of people needing treatment have to wait until a bed opens up which can take several days. During this time, people continue to use drugs, which can lead to death.
15. B. In 2017, there were 2,799 drug related deaths in Texas, which was an 8% increase from the 2,593 deaths in 2016. As we can see, the drug issue is not going to get any better anytime soon.
16. C. Smaller counties with populations of 50,000 people or less can opt to have joint facilities.
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18. Section III. PENALTIES:
19. A. 1st Offense: a fine equal to 15% of the county's budget allocated for drug rehabilitation care.
20. B. 2nd Offense: a fine equal to 25% of the county's budget allocated for drug rehabilitation care.
21. C. Non compliance and fines would be managed by The Texas Department of State Health Services Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division
22. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
23. This act shall take effect at the start of the next budget year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
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25. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
26. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.
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29. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
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33. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:
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**A BILL  
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- 1.
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4. An act requiring the deportation of illegal immigrants, unless they meet certain conditions, living in the
5. state of Texas and declaring an emergency.
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7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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10. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
11. A. Illegal: Relating to an action that conflicts with the currently established laws.
12. B. Immigrant: A person from a foreign country that has settled in a new country.
13. C. Deportation: The act of removing someone from a country.
14. D. Felony: A criminal act that is usually subject to jail time or harsh penalties.
15. E. Laws: The system of rules that a particular country or community recognizes as regulating the
16. actions of its members and may enforce by the imposition of penalties.
17. F. Employment: The condition of having legal paid work that can be proven through the use of tax
18. forms, payroll checks, contracts, or any other legal document.
- 19.
20. Section II. PROVISIONS:
21. A. All residents in Texas will be required to provide proof of legal residency either by mail or by
22. person; if one is unable to provide evidence, one will be subject to investigation by local or state
23. authorities.
24. B. The request of proof of legal residency will only occur once to everyone living in Texas.
25. C. Anyone moving to Texas will be required to provide proof of legal residency.
26. D. People who are unable to provide proof of legal residency when requested will be detained and
27. deported if proven to be an illegal immigrant.
28. E. Deportation will be carried out by a combination of state troopers and ICE agents.
29. F. Illegal immigrants who have lived in Texas for at least five years, have legal proof of
30. employment, and have not committed any felonies are exempt from the actions of this bill.
31. G. If a deported illegal immigrant has children who are legal residents, the illegal immigrant will be
32. given the choice to either take the children with him/her or allow them to live with a foster family
33. or legal guardians of their choice.
34. H. Deported illegal immigrants and legal residents caught assisting illegal immigrants avoid
35. deportation will be placed onto a blacklist.
- 36.
37. Section III. PENALTIES:
38. A. Legal residents of Texas who are found housing or assisting illegal immigrants avoid deportation
39. will be fined \$2000.
40. B. On the first offense, companies found hiring illegal immigrants will be fined \$5000 for each
41. undocumented worker. On the second offense, companies will be fined \$10000 per
42. undocumented worker. On the third offense, ownership of the company will be transferred to the
43. government.
44. C. Any caught illegal immigrant on the blacklist will be fined \$1000 and deported immediately.
45. D. Any caught legal resident on the blacklist will be fined \$4000, in addition to the original \$2000.
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47. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
48. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
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50. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
51. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.
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53. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
54. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other
55. portions shall remain in full force and effect.
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57. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:
58. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an
59. emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on
60. three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.



**Author:** Jaspreet Kaur **YMCA Delegation:** IIANT  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 9th

## **GED EDUCATION**

An act requiring all public high schools in Texas to provide GED education and testing even if they are not currently enrolled in school and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

GED: The general educational development (GED) test is designed for people who, for various reasons did not graduate from high school but want a certificate equivalent to the traditional high school diploma. Tests are a group of four subject tests which, when passed, provide certification that the test taker has United States high school-level academic skills.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A) They will take these classes once a week for 34 weeks and will only receive their diploma if they pass their tests.

B) The high school will choose when they want their classes to be held.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

A) On the first offense there will be a fine of 2,000 dollars.

B) On the second offense there will be a fine of 3,000 dollars.

C) On the third offense there will be a fine of 5,000 dollars.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect in the 2019-2020 school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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Author: Samir Davis    YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
YMCA: Enter YMCA.    City: Enter City of Residence.    Grade: 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act allowing executions to be featured on pay-per-view and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Executions—the carrying out of or putting into effect of a plan, order, or course of action.

Pay-per-view—type of paid television service by which a subscriber of a television service provider can purchase events to view via private telecast.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

An additional fee of \$29.99 will be charged to the customer's account when watching the act of a live execution.

Network providers will have to give fifty percent of all profits produced from live executions to all public funded schools in the state of Texas.

All customers will have to be eighteen or older in order to purchase this event.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

If the network does not give fifty percent of the profit they will be issued a fine of \$2,000 dollars.

If the network continues to refuse the profited amount given will be increased by twenty percent.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Amber Siddiqui YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Duncanville Grade: 12<sup>th</sup>

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring newborns in Texas to be implanted with a neurological chip that shall record everything the individual sees and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

(A) Government contracts: Legal agreements between the government and private corporations in which the government provides funds to the corporation for a particular project or service.

(B) Neurological chip: Minute computer chip implanted in the brain that records all sight and audio

(C) Certified physicians: Physicians (MD/DO) who complete mandatory chip implantation training

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

(A) Chip technology shall be developed through governmental contracts with research companies.

(B) All infants must be implanted with a chip at birth by a certified physician before the infant departs from the hospital.

(C) Any video or audio shall not be accessed by any individual without the consent of whose video or audio it is or a legal warrant issued by a state court.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

Biological parents or legal guardians of any newborns found without a neurological chip after departure from the hospital of birth shall be punished with a \$2000 fine and an additional \$300 for every week after without the chip until proof of implant is presented to the court.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Eveleen Lopez YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High school  
YMCA: Oak Cliff Delegation City: Duncanville

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring a camera in every public daycare classroom and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- (A) Classrooms- A room, typically in a school, in which a class of students is taught.
- (B) Bullet camera- A type of video camera that is often for security and has a bullet type shape.
- (C) Dome camera- A type of camera that is often used in security with a dome like figure.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- (A) The cameras shall be able to see the whole classroom. Cameras that are able to be used are either a bullet camera or a dome camera.
- (B) There shall be a semester check up by the texas department family and children services.
- (C) The daycare shall pay for these cameras.
- (D) The purpose of the cameras is to ensure safety of the children.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

The first time the daycare fails to meet this act they shall be given a warning.  
The second time the daycare shall be given a \$200 fine.  
The third time the daycare shall be given a \$500 fine.  
The fourth time the daycare shall be shut down.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Jackson Heuvel **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 10

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act reforming the minimum purchase and possession ages for long guns and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Purchase - to obtain by paying money or its equivalent.

B. Possess - to have or hold as property.

C. Shotgun - a smoothbore gun for firing small shot at short range with a barrel length no less than eighteen (18) inches.

D. Rifle - a gun, especially one fired from shoulder level, having a long spirally grooved barrel intended to make a bullet spin and thereby have greater accuracy over a long distance with a barrel length of no less than sixteen (16) inches.

E. Long gun - A firearm, typically a shotgun or rifle, which is fired while braced against the shoulder.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. Purchase age for any long gun will be raised to twenty one (21) without parental consent and eighteen (18) with parental consent.

B. Possession age for any long gun will be raised to twenty one (21) without parental consent and eighteen (18) with parental consent.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

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**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**Author:** Savanna Tremback **YMCA Delegation:** Rockwall Heath High School.  
**YMCA:** JER Chilton. **City:** Heath. **Grade:** 12th.

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all recyclables out of homes to be properly disposed of and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Properly Disposed: Glasses, plastic, paper and cans are put into a separate designated bag from trash
- B. Home: A residency
- C. Recyclables: Items that include glasses, plastic, paper, and cans.
- D. Homeowners Association: Creates and enforces rules for a community.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. The State of Texas requires checks on individual residents that do not have their recyclables out every day that the recyclables are collected.
- B. Recycling bags or bins will be distributed depending on Homeowners Association preference or living situation.
- C. Individuals qualified will regulate which residents have not put out recyclable items.
- E. This will be enacted upon by each city.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. 1st offense: Resident will be contacted and informed of their failure to meet regulations and future penalties.
- B. 2nd offense: Resident will be fined \$75
- C. 3rd offense: Resident will be fined \$800

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**Author:** Yadira Ochoa **YMCA Delegation:** Skyline High School  
**YMCA:** White Rock YMCA **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 10th

**A BILL**

**TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring first time offenders convicted of a non-violent crime to be given the option to participate in a diversion program through the courts to expunge the offense from their record and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Diversion Program:** In Texas, a diversion program in the criminal justice system is a form of sentencing often run by a police department, court, a district attorney's office, or outside agency designed to enable offenders of criminal law to avoid criminal charges and a criminal record. The purpose is to effect rehabilitation without the stigma of guilt.

**Non Violent Crime:** Crime that does not involve the use of any force or injury to another person.

**Expunge:** To erase or remove completely.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

Judges in state district courts in Texas will determine whether or not the offender qualifies and is suitable for participating in the program.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

If the offender takes part in the diversion program and does not complete the program due to any reason, they will receive the penalties from the charge and the offense will be on their record.

The court will lay out a number of conditions that the defendant must meet. If the defendant meets the conditions, the charges are dismissed, and the defendant will not have a record of conviction.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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# **COMMITTEE**

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**Author:** Amer Jusupovic  
**YMCA:** Plano

**YMCA Delegation:** Liberty High School  
**City:** Plano **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act allowing the distribution of all alcoholic beverages currently legal in the state of Texas on Sundays and holidays and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC): A state agency which regulates all phases of the alcoholic beverage industry within Texas, including regulation of taxation, sales, manufacturing, transporting, and advertising of alcoholic beverages.
- B. Establishments: Public or private institutions which distribute alcoholic beverages including, but not limited to, liquor stores, gas stations, bars, restaurants, and supermarkets.
- C. Certified Distributors: Any individual or professional entity with the proper liquor permits and beer licenses outlined by the TABC.
- D. TABC Chief of Law Enforcement: Officer who oversees day-to-day duties of all TABC agents stationed across Texas.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. All establishments with the proper permits and certification as outlined by the TABC will be allowed to sell legal alcoholic beverages at all times on Sundays and national holidays.
- B. All certified distributors will be notified by mail to their professional mailing address, and the updated guidelines will be made public on the TABC website homepage.
- C. The TABC Chief of Law Enforcement will conduct monthly checks on all TABC agents to ensure their compliance.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. Agents of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission who fail to comply with the provisions outlined or interfere with the right of certified distributors to sell alcohol under this law will be subject to the following penalties:
  - a. First offense: \$1,000 fine and reminder of new guidelines.
  - b. Second offense: \$2,500 fine and reminder of new guidelines.
  - c. Third offense: \$10,000 fine and final reminder of new guidelines.
  - d. Fourth offense: Termination of employment at TABC.
- B. Failure to comply will count as a new offense if the TABC agent in question is still not in compliance with new regulations during future monthly checks, conducted by the TABC Chief of Law Enforcement.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect one hundred eighty (180) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



1. Author: Jordyn Nevelle YMCA Delegation: McKinney Boyd High School  
2. YMCA: McKinney YMCA City: McKinney HB/FSB/Hyde/DSB/HJR/SJR/DJYG  
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4. **A BILL**  
5. **TO BE ENTITLED**  
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7. An act to create a state tax credit for businesses that hire intellectually disabled employees  
8. and declaring an emergency.  
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10. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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12. **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

13. A. Intellectual disability - a disability characterized by significant limitations in both  
14. intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and  
15. practical skills. This disability originates before the age of 18.

16. B. State Tax Credit - an amount of money that can be offset against a state tax liability.

17. C. Taxable Businesses (in the state of Texas) - most Texas businesses other than sole  
18. proprietorships and certain general partnerships.

19. D. Fiscal year - a year as reckoned for taxing or accounting purposes.

20. E. WOTC - Work Opportunity Tax Credit, a tax credit for the IRS.  
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22. **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

23. A. This is a state tax credit that is available to employers of taxable businesses for hiring  
24. intellectually disabled individuals.

25. B. Employers must pay the individuals at least minimum wage and provide them with an  
26. environment suitable to their needs in order to receive the credit.

27. C. The tax credit for individuals employed at least 120 hrs and fewer than 400 hrs is 25% of  
28. wages up to \$6,000. (at most \$1,500)

29. D. The tax credit for individuals employed more than 400 hrs is 40% of wages up to  
30. \$6,000. (at most \$2,400)

31. E. The total tax credit a business can claim can only replace up to 10% of the businesses'  
32. state taxes due.

33. F. The employer can only apply for this tax credit if the individual does not qualify for  
34. WOTC.  
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36. **Section III. PENALTIES:**

37. There are no penalties since the state government is in charge of tax credits.  
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39. **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

40. This act shall take effect the next fiscal year after the adjournment of the Youth  
41. Legislature.  
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43. **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

44. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the  
45. conflict.  
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47. **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

48. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature  
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51. **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

52. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses  
53. create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule  
54. requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule  
55. hereby suspended.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Deni Viera   **YMCA Delegation:** Rockwall-Heath High School  
**YMCA:** J.E.R. Chilton   **City:** Rockwall, TX   **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring grocery stores in the state of Texas to impose a 25 cent tax per plastic bag and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- Grocery Stores: i.e. Walmart, Kroger, Target, excluding stores already discouraging the use of plastic bags.

- Plastic Bags: bags not made out of biodegradable materials, recycled materials, natural synthetic fibers.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

This bill requires all grocery stores in the state of Texas to place a 25 cent tax on each plastic bag that is used by a customer. This tax will be added to the total cost of the groceries before the sales tax. The sales tax will be added after the plastic grocery bag tax is completely added. The plastic bag tax will go to the State Government, so they can acquire revenue. By requiring grocery stores in Texas to tax plastic bags it will reduce the impact Texas citizens have on the Plastic epidemic.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

If a grocery store does not impose the Plastic Bag tax then the state government will take 1% of the grocery store's total revenue for the first offense. For the second offense the state government will take an additional 2% of the store's total revenue. For the third offense the state government will take an additional 3% of the store's total revenue. Any offense after the third offense an additional 5% will be taken from the store's revenue.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect one hundred and eighty-five (185) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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Author: Mickel Warren    YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School.  
YMCA: Oak Cliff YMCA.    City: Duncanville.    Grade: 12<sup>th</sup>.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating any Police Precincts within the state of Texas to hold a Police–Public held Safety forum every 3 months, and allowing high schools to host Police Safety forums so long as a set amount of students attend and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

(A) Mandating-to give authority to act in a certain way.

(B) Forum- a place, meeting, or medium where ideas and views on a particular issue can be exchanged.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

(A) The Police shall host the Forum every 3 months.

(B) It shall be funded with taxes raised from a higher set property tax.

(C) High schools shall host the forum every month as a class so long as students attend regularly.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

(I). If you sign up and you do not attend, you shall reimburse \$100 to the Precinct and for every day you don't pay it another \$100 will be added until you pay it forward.

(II).If you cause a disruption or destruction of property will there a 200\$ fine, and you must commit to 4 hours community service.

(III) If the person cannot refrain from using violence or any form of aggression during any forum he/she shall be removed and ejected from any future forums.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Shereen Pulukuri **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 9

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring a panic button (in the form of an alcoholic beverage) at every bar and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Bar- A counter at which drinks, especially alcoholic drinks, and sometimes food, are served.

Panic Button- A button to push in order to summon help in case of an emergency.

Sexual Abuse- The forcing of unwanted sexual activity by one person on another.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

I. There must be a sign indicating the specific alcoholic beverage to order in case of an emergency. They will be displayed in the men's and women's restrooms and, if available, transgender bathrooms. There will be a different drink listed per bathroom.

II. There will be monthly check-ins to ensure that the bars are following this bill. Two to Three people will go in (one for each bathroom) and first check for the sign with the drink displayed. Then they will order the emergency drink to see how the bartender reacts and if they know what to do.

III. If a customer requests that a bartender call the police, the bartender will first have to assess the situation to make sure that it is necessary or if any other steps can be taken.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

First offense: \$500 fine for the first month the restaurant does not pass the test.

Second offense: \$1,000 fine for the second month the restaurant does not pass the test.

Third offense: \$1,500 fine for every month after the second offense.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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Author: Elana Breslav  
YMCA: Plano

YMCA Delegation: Liberty High School  
City: Plano Grade: 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to require students attending public high schools in the state of Texas to receive free vision screenings provided by their school and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Students attending public high schools: A student in the grades 9-12 at a school that receives public funding from the state of Texas.
- B. Free vision screenings: The screenings already provided in public schools by the state of Texas include a measure of distance acuity for right and left eyes, e.g., 20/20, 20/30, etc. and the optional muscle balance tests.
- C. Measure of distance acuity: Distance acuity is measured by two tests provided by the state of Texas, the Sloan Letter Chart or the HOTV Matching-Symbol Test.
- D. Muscle balance tests: The Hirschberg corneal light reflex and cover-uncover tests are optional tests but are still taught in the certification workshops.
- E. Vision problems: Deviations from normal vision that can in some way inhibit normal sight.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. Each student will be required to attend a vision screening provided by their public middle and high school one time in each school.
- B. Schools will have two days allotted to them each school year to complete the vision screenings for all of the eligible students.
- C. The vision screenings will be required to be completed during any physical education course in the school.
- D. Eligible students include any students that have not already completed the vision screening provided by the middle school or high school, if they are present at school on the days of the vision screenings.
- E. Students who are absent on the days of the vision screenings will undergo the same process of vision screenings as new students will. The process of vision screenings for new students is outlined in the current law and thus will not be included in this bill.
- F. The state of Texas will fund these vision screenings by reusing the equipment districts already have.
- G. These vision screenings are performed by professionals who undergo certification provided by the state as outlined in the current law for vision screening in public schools.
- H. Students with disabilities who do not respond well to screening methods may use photoscreening.
- I. Elementary and middle schools in the state of Texas are already required to complete

42 these vision screenings, so high schools will use the equipment that these schools already  
43 have to save school districts money.

44 J. Students who do not have a physical education course at the public high school will  
45 complete their vision screenings with new and absent students.

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47 Section III. PENALTIES:

48 A. Public high schools that do not provide vision screenings to all of their students will  
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subject to a state funding cut by 7 percent annually up until the cut reaches 49 percent.

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51 Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

52 This act shall take effect at the beginning of the next school year after the adjournment of  
53 the Youth Legislature.

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67 this Rule hereby suspended.

Author: Peace Ezeji    YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School.  
YMCA: Oak Cliff.    City: Dallas.    Grade: 9th.

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act eliminating the race box in all public colleges' and universities' applications in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Public College**—a college that is publicly owned or receives public funds through a national or sub national government.

**Sub national**— a subdivision of a nation; contained entirely within a nation.

**National**—a country thought of as a large group of people living in one area with their own government, language, traditions, etc.

**Application**— a form that individuals use to apply to gain entry to a position, in this case, into a college or university.

**Private College**—an independent college that sets its own policies and goals, and is privately funded.

**A university**—an institution of higher education and research which awards academic degrees in various academic areas, typically bigger than a college.

**Race**—refers to a category of people who share certain inherited physical characteristics such as skin color, facial features, and stature

**Ethnicity**— refers to cultural factors, including nationality, regional culture, ancestry, and language.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

This act shall eliminate the race box in public college and university applications. People will be required to check the application to make sure the race box is not there, also technology will check automatically. If the college or university has the race box without knowledge of it being there, the penalties will not count against them and they will be left with a warning. After the second warning the penalties will apply to them. Private colleges would not be affected.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

When a public college or university does include a race box with the knowledge of adding it;

1. The first time the college will have 5% cut off from funding.
2. The second time it occurs 10% will be cut from funding.
3. The third time it happens 15% will be cut from funding.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

44 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

45 This act shall take effect in the next school year after the adjournment of the Youth  
46 Legislature.

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48 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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50 conflict.

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60 suspended.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**



# **COMMITTEE**

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Author: Anjali Shashidhar YMCA Delegation: Independence High School  
YMCA: Plano Family YMCA City: Frisco Grade: 12<sup>th</sup>

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating secondary public-school health clinics to provide free condoms for students and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Secondary Public Schools: Schools that have students ranging from 9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and maintained by the public expense of the community, district or state.

B. Health clinics: any form of clinic within a high school such as a Nurse's office etc.

C. Condoms: a thin rubber sheath as a contraceptive and as protection against STI's.

D. Undue Burden: significant difficulty

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. The clinics will make a minimum of 10 condoms available to students during the school day.

B. Access to the condoms should not cause undue burden on the students.

C. The school nurse or other health clinic personnel will be responsible for maintaining the stock.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

1st Offense: Verbal warning from school district

2nd Offense: Written warning from school district

3rd Offense: \$1000 fine

4th Offense: cut funding for the public school by 1% every subsequent year.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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Author: Cesar Carlos Jr YMCA Delegation: Skyline High School  
YMCA: White Rock City: Dallas Grade: 12

1. A BILL
2. TO BE ENTITLED
- 3.
4. An act to increase visibility on Texas State roads and declaring an emergency.
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6. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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8. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
9. Increase – become or make a greater in amount, intensity, or degree.
10. Headlights – a powerful light at the front of a motor vehicle.
11. Road – a wide way leading from one place to another, especially one with a specially
12. prepared surface which vehicles can use.
- 13.
14. Section II. PROVISIONS:
15. Bill amends current statute – 547.302.a.2
16. Headlights must be turned on when windshield wipers are in use
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18. Section III. PENALTIES:
19. Penalties will stay the same according to current statute 547.302.
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21. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
22. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth
23. Legislature.
- 24.
25. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
26. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of
27. the conflict.
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29. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
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36. Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and
37. this Rule is hereby suspended.



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Jack Peaden **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 11

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

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An act amending Texas Education Code, §115.32 and §115.32 and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Texas Education Code- Outlines the curriculum standards required in Texas public schools.

B. §115.32- Health 1, Grades 9-10 (One-Half Credit).

C. §115.33- Advanced Health, Grades 11-12 (One-Half Credit).

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. Amend Section (b)(1), explain and evaluate mental disorders including but no limited to anxiety, depression, ADHD, psychosis, eating disorders, etc.

B. Continuing, incorporate an extensive base of mental health education to include preventative measures, diagnosis, and treatment.

C. Continuing, supply students with resources for the betterment of mental health education, citing the annual "Best Practice Resources For Schools."

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**Section III. PENALTIES:**

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**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect at the start of the next school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act restricting prize money from the Texas Lottery to any Texas citizen falling under the poverty line and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- Poverty line: the estimated minimum level of income needed to secure the necessities of life. This is determined by the amount of people per household.
- Ineligible: legally or officially unable to be considered for a position or benefit.
- Income tax return: a document you file with the Internal Revenue Service or the state tax board reporting your income, profits and losses of your business and other deductions as well as details about your tax refund or tax liability.
- Texas Lottery: the Texas Lottery is the government-operated lottery available throughout Texas. It is operated by the Texas Lottery Commission, headquartered in downtown Austin.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- Any Texas citizen who falls under their respective poverty line shall be ineligible to win a sum of money equal to or greater than \$500 from the Texas State Lottery. They however, are still eligible to receive prizes equal to or less than \$499.
- At the submission of a winning lottery ticket, a copy of the winner's income tax return will be examined and verified at the Texas Lottery headquarters in Austin to determine eligibility. Income tax copies will be used only to determine eligibility and will not be kept on file.
- Anyone claiming to have won the lottery will be required to mail the receipt of the ticket along with the winning ticket to the address of the Texas Lottery headquarters at Austin as proof of their ownership and purchase of that ticket.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- The use of a counterfeit tax return to forge eligibility of prize money will result in a \$500 fine. Violations after the first will increase the fine 50% after each infraction while also adding up to 3 years in a federal prison.
- The act of another person claiming the ticket of someone else whether the other person granted consent or not is a form of fraud which shall result in a \$300 fine.



Violations after the first will increase the fine 50% after each infraction while also adding up to 1 year in a local jail.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

1  
2 Author: Taylor Rogers YMCA Delegation: Independence High School.  
3 YMCA: Plano YMCA. City: Frisco  
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5 A BILL  
6 TO BE ENTITLED  
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8 An act requiring sexual assault or harassment accusers who have been found guilty of wrongly  
9 accusing a person to be pressed with criminal and declaring an emergency.  
10

11 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
12

13 Section I. DEFINITIONS:

- 14 A. Sexual Assault: Any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit  
15 consent of the recipient.  
16 B. Sexual Harassment: Harassment in a workplace, or other professional or social situation,  
17 involving the making of unwanted sexual advances or obscene remarks.  
18 C. Criminal Charges: Any formal accusation made by a governmental authority asserting that  
19 somebody has committed a crime.  
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21 Section II. PROVISIONS:

- 22 A. Any person who has falsely accused an individual of a non-consensual sexual action.  
23 B. This applies for all people above the legal age of consent, 17, in the state of Texas.  
24 C. This applies to any gender or sexuality.  
25

26 Section III. PENALTIES:

27 If an individual falsely accuses a person of sexual assault or harassment:

- 28 A. 1st Offense: A fine of \$10,000 and a jail sentence of 2 years.  
29 B. 2nd Offense: A fine of \$20,000 and a jail sentence ranging between 5 to 10 years.  
30 C. 3rd Offense: A jail sentence of 20 years with no bail.  
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32 Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

33 This act shall take effect for the following 90 days after the adjournment of the Youth  
34 Legislature.  
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36 Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

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38 conflict.  
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44 Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

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46 create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring

**Author: Diego Estrada**

**YMAC Delegation: Sky Line High School**

**YMCA: Enter YMCA**

**City: Dallas**

**Grade: 9th**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all public High Schools in Texas to adopt block scheduling and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

"A/B" or "alternating day" block scheduling in which students take four 90-minute classes that meet on alternating days

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

All Public High Schools in Texas shall replace traditional scheduling and apply block scheduling beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Students will be able to earn additional credit due to being scheduled into eight classes instead of the traditional seven. Counselors shall schedule junior students during the spring semester requirements .

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

If school districts fail to implement block scheduling the district shall be sanctioned and funding shall be reduced for the following school year. .

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**



**Author:** Olivia Sirchio **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 10th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act classifying sexual violence as a hate crime and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- Sexual Violence: A sexual act committed against someone without said person's freely given consent, (including but not limited to, acts of assault, rape, and trafficking).  
Hate Crime: Crimes that are motivated by prejudice, hatred, or advocacy of violence towards a certain group.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- a) Sexual violence includes, but is not limited to, aggravated assault, aggravated rape, statutory rape, sex trafficking, and sexual harassment, (whether verbal or physical)  
b) This would be an extension of the addition to "gender or gender identity" of the Texas Hate Crime Act

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

There are no applicable penalties.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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Author: Robert Furino YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas Grade: 9th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act changing the race box on legal instruments to a country of origin box and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Legal Instrument- a legal term of art that is used for any formally executed written document that can be formally attributed to its author, records and formally expresses a legally enforceable act, process, or contractual duty, obligation, or right, and therefore evidences that act, process, or agreement.
- B. Country of origin-The country from which a person originally comes.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. This bill shall ensure the suspension of the race box on legal documents and implement a country of origin box.
- B. The country of origin box shall not be used as a determining factor for employment and or used for favorable desire.
- C. If a person(s) encounters a race box the option of not filling in a box shall be permitted.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. Any legal document creator(s) who does not comply shall be fined \$200.
- B. In the case of a second offense any legal document creator(s) who does not comply shall be fined \$700
- C. In the case of a third offense any legal document creator(s) who does not comply shall be sentenced up to 1 year of jail with a minimum sentence of 2 months.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Sathvik Cherukuri **YMCA Delegation:** Centennial  
**YMCA:** Plano **City:** Frisco **Grade:** 11

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act prohibiting the use of a cigarette while a minor is present in a vehicle in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Use: the lighting and smoking of a cigarette
- B. Cigarette: consists of finely cut tobacco rolled in paper
- C. Minor: Any person under the age of 18
- D. Present: Physically in the vehicle
- E. Vehicle: A mode of transportation, such as, but not limited to a car or truck
- F. Law Enforcement: State highway patrol, city police, and state troopers.
- G. Investigation: The law enforcement deems whether a minor was present in the vehicle during the visibility of smoke.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. No adult shall use a cigarette in a vehicle that is carrying a minor.
- B. If law enforcement believes that a minor is present in the vehicle while the driver is smoking, it can be deemed as probable cause to stop the driver.
- C. After the investigation, if found guilty, the driver will face the penalties stated below.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- Any person found in violation of the above provision is subject to the following punishments:
- A. First offense: The violator will be required to pay a fine of \$250.
  - B. Second offense: The violator will be required to pay a fine of \$500.
  - C. Third offense: The violator will be required to pay a fine of \$750 and serve six (6) hours of community service.
  - D. Fourth offense: The violator will be required to pay a fine of \$1,000, serve ten (10) hours of community service, and receive a temporary license suspension of sixty (60) days
  - E. Any Further Offenses: The violator will be required to pay a fine of \$1,500, serve ten (10) hours of community service and receive a sixty (60) day license suspension.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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Author: Thomas Bakewell YMCA Delegation: The Episcopal School of Dallas  
YMCA: Town North YMCA. City: Dallas. HB/FSB/Hyde/DSB/HJR/SJR/DJYG

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

- 1.
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4. An act requiring mandatory military conscription into the state military
5. for all individuals ages 18-22, who are not enrolled in school or
6. mentally or physically unfit and declaring an emergency.
- 7.
8. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
- 9.
10. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
11. Conscription - mandatory military service imposed by the government.
12. School - A physical place of education
13. Mentally and Physically Unfit - not meeting the United States Military
14. standards, or section 8
15. Individual - A human being, regardless of gender or sexual orientation
16. Section II. PROVISIONS:
17. To enable mandatory conscription into the state military on the basis
18. that one does not attend schooling for more than 3 months.
19. Section III. PENALTIES:
20. 1st Offense: 10,000 Dollars and a legal notice requiring enrollment
21. immediately.
22. 2nd Offense: 50,000 dollar fine and 6 weeks in prison, with no bail.
23. Instant enrollment upon release
24. 3rd Offense: 250,000 dollars, 2 years prison time, and mandatory
25. unpaid enrollment in the military for 5 years, regardless of age.
- 26.
27. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
28. This act shall take effect September 1st, 2019, after the adjournment
29. of the Youth Legislature.
- 30.
31. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
32. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed
33. to the extent of the conflict.
- 34.
35. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
- 36.

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**Nicolas Horne**

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Author: Thomas Baril III YMCA Delegation: Richardson  
YMCA: Richardson City: Allen Grade: 10

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring bag inspections in the State of Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Bag inspection:** A search of a backpack, duffle bag, cooler, purse, handbag, and any other carry-on bag.

**Facility:** The place where something happens, especially an organized event like a concert, conference, or sports event.

**Seating Capacity:** The number of people who can be seated in a specific place, in terms of both the physical space available, and limitations set by law.

**Entrance:** An opening, such as a door, passage, or gate, that allows access to a place.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

All events that are held at a venue with a seating capacity of 1,000 or more are required to have a bag inspection at every entrance. The facility will decide who performs the bag inspections.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

**1<sup>st</sup> offense:** \$1,000 fine to the facility owner.

**2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** \$5,000 fine to the facility owner

**3<sup>rd</sup> offense:** \$25,000 fine to the facility owner for each subsequent offense

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Landis Lehman YMCA Delegation: Richardson  
YMCA: Richardson City: Richardson Grade: 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while having a BAC between .05% and .08% and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**BAC:** blood alcohol concentration

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

The operation of a motor vehicle in a public place by an individual who has a BAC greater than or equal to .05% but less than .08% shall be prohibited.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Individuals found not in compliance with this law will be charged with a Class C misdemeanor.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

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Author: Jose Rodriguez Vidales YMCA Delegation: Skyline High School.  
YMCA: White Rock. City: Dallas. Grade: 11.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act prohibiting the use of pepper spray by law enforcement and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- Pepper spray: an aerosol spray containing oils derived from cayenne pepper, irritating to the eyes and respiratory passages and used as a disabling weapon.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- Every police department is to stop total usage of the substance .

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- If the substance is found to be in usage the department would be fined \$1000 per canister in use.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**



**Author:** Meghna Sahoo **YMCA Delegation:** Independence High School.  
**YMCA:** Plano YMCA **City:** Frisco **Grade:** 12th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act banning polymer material in all public facilities and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Polymer Material- more commonly known as plastic in the forms of water bottles and cups

B. Public Facilities- can be any facility, including, but not limited to, buildings, property, recreation areas, and roads, which are owned, leased, or otherwise operated, or funded by a governmental body or public entity

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. Public facilities will not be allowed to supply plastic water bottles or cups in their facilities for any reason.

B. Public facilities will be required to supply their own reusable cups or ask their employees to bring their own.

C. Public facilities will be regulated regarding their adherence to the above provisions in the same manner as the regulation of standard sanitation and health protection measures

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

A. First (1st ) offense: Manager or Corporation at fault will receive a written warning

B. Second (2nd ) offense: Employer or Corporation at fault will receive a fine of \$5,000

C. Third (3rd ) offense: Employer or Corporation will be deducted 5% of their funding for every consequent offense after the second (2nd ) offense

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect seven hundred and thirty (730) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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Author: Rhea Sood YMCA Delegation: Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
YMCA: McKinney YMCA. City: McKinney. Grade: 9th.

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act requiring all public elementary students to learn Spanish in school and declaring an emergency.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Spanish-** a language originated in the Southwest region of Europe known as the Iberian Peninsula.

**Public elementary school-** a school funded by the government which encompasses all students in kindergarten to fifth/sixth grade (depending on district).

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. All students in the elementary grades must learn Spanish in their elementary school.**
- B. All public elementary schools in the state must maintain a ratio of 1 fluent Spanish teacher to around 250 students.**
- C. All schools must hire educated professionals to teach the attending students.**
- D. This bill will be funded by increasing taxes on all cigarettes and cigars by 50 cents.**

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** The school will receive a 1% cut from their funding from the state.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** The school will receive a 3% cut from their funding from the state.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** The school will receive a 5% cut from their funding from the state.

**Any offense that follows will result in 2% more than the previous offence being cut from their funding from the state.**

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**This act shall take effect at the start of the 2020-2021 school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.**

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

**All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

**If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.**



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Alejandra Alvarado   YMCA Delegation: Skyline High School  
YMCA: Enter YMCA.   City: Dallas   Grade: 11

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act requiring all High Schools in the state of Texas to integrate a social Awareness class and declaring an emergency**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Social awareness:** understanding how to react to different **social** situations, and effectively modify your interactions with other people who have different backgrounds, including those of education, culture, language, sex and religion.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

This Social Awareness class is a, half semester course, required for all high school students to take to graduate. The class will be worth a half credit (.5), and will be administered in every school of every district in Texas. The whole purpose of this class is to enlighten students in the field of social awareness, ultimately preparing each student for a healthy adulthood.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

**1<sup>st</sup> offense:** School district failing to comply shall pay a \$1000 fine within 30 days.

**2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** If after the 1<sup>st</sup> offense penalty the school district fails to comply , the School district shall pay a \$5000 fine after, each time the district fails to comply another \$5000 will be added to fine.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect the next school year of 2019-2020 after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature. (You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.



Author: Evan Lee YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas Grade: Ninth

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act reducing school funding for all schools that have an "A" school rating by thirty percent and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

School Funding - the money provided by a government or raised by parents and teachers to finance the running of an independent school or school(s) in a school district, managed by the school or district board.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. This act shall place a limit on school funding for all schools that have an A rating and qualifications that exceed the standards for a B rating.
- B. This bill shall ensure that more schools will receive the A letter grade in the state of Texas, as well as the enrichment of low performing schools.
- C. This bill will also ensure a job opportunity, by creating a position for a school funding advisor in each school board.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. School boards that fail to adhere to the following will be fined \$1,200.
- B. All other offenses after the first will result to the board fulfilling the existing fine, with an additional \$200 multiplied by the number of offenses.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect the following school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all persons to undergo a full mental health background check before being able to purchase any type of firearm in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Firearm - a rifle, pistol, or other portable gun.

Background check - the process of looking up and compiling criminal records, commercial records, and financial records of an individual or an organization.

Outpatient treatment - a patient who is not hospitalized overnight but who visits a hospital, clinic, or associated facility for diagnosis or treatment.

Inpatient treatment - a type of treatment in which a patient is provided with 24 hour care at a live-in facility.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. This act shall require all persons to undergo a full mental health background check before being able to purchase any type of firearm in the state of Texas.

B. This law shall apply to those who chose to purchase firearms from private sellers as well.

C. If the purchaser has been ordered to receive inpatient treatment, been voluntarily or involuntarily admitted to a mental hospital, has demonstrated threats or been given other certain diagnoses, they shall not be able to purchase a firearm.

D. Using the Texas Criminal Justice Information System, sellers shall be able to access the mental health records needed to permit the sale of a firearm.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

1st Offense - If any seller is found distributing firearms to any consumer not passing a mental health background check, they will be fined double the price of the firearm sold.

2nd Offense - If any seller is found distributing firearms to any consumer not passing a mental health background check, they will be fined \$8,000 for every unlawfully sold firearm.

3rd Offense - If any seller is found distributing firearms to any consumer not passing a mental health background check, the retailer will no longer be able distribute a firearm of any type.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act concerning mass incarceration and declaring an emergency

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- a) Habitual Offender Law - (The Three-Strikes Law) Significantly increases the prison sentences of persons convicted of a felony who have been previously convicted of two or more violent crimes or serious felonies, and limits the ability of these offenders to receive to receive a punishment other than a life sentence
- b) Truth in Sentencing Law - In Texas, prisoners are required to serve fifty (50) percent of their original sentence
- c) Sentence minimums and maximums - particular crimes yield automatic sentences regardless of the extenuating circumstances

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- a) Abolish the habitual offender law
- b) Abolish the truth in sentencing law
- c) Reduce current sentence minimums and maximums by twenty-five (25) percent
- d) Eliminate prison time for lower-level crimes such as drug possession, petty theft, or selling marijuana

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

None

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring the suspension and/or expulsion of any high school age person found guilty of sexual assault and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Suspension - a punishment given to students and sometimes teachers as well requiring them to stay home from school for a certain number of days because of a violation of school rules; the number of days of suspension depends on the severity of the violation
- B. Expulsion - the permanent removal of a student from school due to a severe violation of school rules
- C. High school age - while usually ages from 14-18, includes any student attending high school (e.g. those who skipped grades or are repeating a grade)
- D. Guilty - determined by investigators to have committed a crime
- E. Sexual assault - sexual contact with someone without his/her direct consent; includes rape (forced sexual penetration of the mouth, anus, or genitals), attempted rape, coercion (persuading someone to do something by using force or threats), sex with someone who is not allowed to consent (e.g. anyone under the age of 17), fondling (unwanted touching), taking sexual pictures of someone without his/her consent or sharing such pictures taken with consent but not meant for others, and exhibitionism (exposing him or herself)
- F. Investigation - identifying and interviewing all possible witnesses, interviewing all parties involved, and ensuring all parts of the allegation are taken into account
- G. School detention - a punishment in which students must stay at school outside of regular school hours and either stay silent or study/work on school assignments

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. All reports of sexual assault made to the high school must immediately be reported to law enforcement, who will then investigate the accusation.
- B. The investigation must not exceed 60 days unless circumstances require longer.
- C. The victim may choose to stay anonymous, unless the investigation can not continue effectively without their identity.
- D. The victim will not need to provide evidence for an investigation to be conducted.
- E. Verbal sexual harassment will not immediately result in suspension or expulsion. A student's first offense will be limited to a warning, the second offense will warrant a school detention, and following offenses will then be considered sexual assault.
- F. Students who are suspended must attend six weeks of weekly counseling with their school counselors, who at minimum must teach the student the definition of sexual assault, what consent is, and explain what is wrong about their actions.
- G. Students who are expelled must attend sex offender treatment with professional counselors in order to attend another school in Texas.
- H. No student involved in the case should be made public by faculty or other students; those who share the identities of these students will be suspended.
- I. This bill does not concern charging the assaulter with a crime; rather, it ensures the victim not relive the trauma of their assault by seeing their abuser. It is the victim's choice to press charges, but that must be completed through law enforcement.
- J. Those who make assault claims that are proven to be false will be suspended.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. Failure of the school to complete or enforce any of these tasks will result in the following consequences:
  - a. First offense: cut in funding from the state by 5% for the rest of the school year

58                   b. Second offense: cut in funding from the state by 10% for the rest of the  
59                   school year  
60                   c. Third offense: cut in funding from the state by 10% for three school years  
61                   d. Fourth or more offenses: cut in funding from the state by 15% indefinitely or  
62                   until the school can prove progress in upholding this act  
63        B. Failure of the assaulter to attend required counseling will result in fines not to  
64        exceed \$6,000.

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66   Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

67   This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth  
68   Legislature.

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70   Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

71   All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent  
72   of the conflict.

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74   Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

75   If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature  
76   that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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78   Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

79   The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses  
80   create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule  
81   requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule  
82   hereby suspended.



# **COMMITTEE**

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5 **A BILL**  
6 **TO BE ENTITLED**  
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8 An act concerning education budget tax reform and declaring an emergency.  
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10 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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12 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

13 (1. T.E.A - Texas Education Agency - The Texas Education Agency is a branch of the state  
14 government of Texas in the United States responsible for public education.

15 (2. Fundraiser - The seeking of financial support for a charity, cause, or other enterprises.

16 (3. Charity - An organization set up to provide help and raise money for those in need.

17 (4. Gross Fiscal Misconduct - General Irresponsibility, Fraud, Theft, Embezzlement, Abuse or  
18 Waste of Government Resources.

19 (5. Alternative Administrative Action - Appointing and commissioning new administrators,  
20 school management and all powers delegated to those roles.

21 (6. Proportional Distribution - Funds will be delegated to schools proportional to the current  
22 student attendance, to provide for the number of current students.  
23

24 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

25 (1. All school district tax dollars will go to the Texas Education Agency which will proportionally  
26 distribute them to all schools.

27 (2. All schools that need upkeep maintenance can directly apply for a specified payment to  
28 T.E.A to fix any previous damages in order to restore the school to its former glory.

29 (3. All schools can apply for payments to the T.E.A for extra money for specific academic  
30 related expansions, such as auditoriums, gymnasiums, and new administrations.

31 (4. All funds raised from fundraisers, donations, and charities with the purpose of funding the  
32 school, or school-related activities, will be delegated to the relevant school, or school district.

33 (5. Gross Fiscal Misconducts within a school district will be tried before a state court. If proven  
34 guilty, the T.E.A will cut a percentage of the school district's state funding and redelegate it to  
35 other school districts as an addition to any sentencing from a judge. If a further offense occurs  
36 within 10 years of a previous offense, the penalty will be increased by an extra 10%. An  
37 alternative penalty will pertain to Alternative Administrative Action, rather than redistribution  
38 of funds.  
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40 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

41 First Offense: 10% of the school district's state funding or Alternative Administrative Action.

42 Second Offense: 20% of the school district's state funding or Alternative Administrative  
43 Action.

44 Further Offenses: 30%-100% of the school district's state funding, 10% for each offense, or  
45 Alternative Administrative Action. e.g. Five offenses would result in a penalty of 50% of  
46 funding.  
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48 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**



This act shall take effect at the beginning of the next school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Johanne Goodall YMCA Delegation: Richardson Homeschool  
YMCA: Richardson City: Richardson Grade: 10th

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act concerning horse retirement farms and declaring an emergency.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Horse Retirement Farm – A place that you pay to house, take care, rehabilitate, and retire your horse.**

**Live Feed Video Camera – A video camera that sends live videos through the internet.**

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

**The owner of the retirement farm will be required to set up a live feed video camera in the horses stall, that can be accessed by the horse owners phone or computer, so that the owner of the horse can check on their horse at any time.**

**If the owner of the retirement farm has failed to put up the live feed video camera they will be penalized.**

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense – \$200 fine**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – \$500 fine**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – \$1000 fine**

**4<sup>th</sup> Offense – Business license revoked**

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.**

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

**All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

**If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.**

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

**The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills**



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: April Mendoza YMCA Delegation: Skyline High School  
YMCA: White Rock City: Dallas Grade: 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act making it mandatory to complete 25 community service hours in environmental improvement activities to graduate from high school and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Community Service- voluntary work intended to help people in particular area

Environmental- relating to the natural world and the impact of human activity on its condition

Improvement- an instance of improving or being improved, making better

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

Prior to graduation seniors must complete all 25 community service hours. Hours must be related to environmental improvement. Hours can be earned beginning freshman year.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Students will not be able to graduate till they complete the 25 hours of community service

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Farhan Ali    **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
**YMCA:** McKinney    **City:** Frisco    **Grade:** 11th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act enforcing all residential cars in Texas to contain a road-view camera and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Road-view Camera: A camera that faces the road, and records video surveillance footage.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

1. For all new cars, the car manufacturers will pre-install the camera for the consumer.

2. For all cars that have already been purchased, the owner must install the camera themselves.

3. For all cars on a lease/rent, the owner must have the camera implemented by the car manufacturer.

4. If the camera is not operating due to damage, whoever is held accountable for the damage will pay for the repairment of the new camera.

5. The owner of the car must go to a car manufacturer dealership and ensure that they have implemented a camera, after the law has been enacted.

Once the camera has been installed, the owner of the vehicle is obligated to have confirmation from their car manufacturer, and have an appointment to ensure the owner has the camera installed properly.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

If the owner has not fulfilled the camera obligation within the effective date, they will receive a \$500 fine.

The fine will increase by 10% every month of not having a camera installed.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect 1 year (365 days) after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring public high schools in Texas to provide students one day per semester to use as a mental health day and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Semester:** a half-year term in a school or college, typically lasting fifteen to eighteen weeks.

**Mental Health:** a person's condition with regard to their psychological and emotional well-being.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

This act would allow students to have a day off from school to take a mental break and organize their lives. They would have to notify the school via email 12 hours before school starts. The use of a mental health day is completely optional. Students cannot use their mental health day during tests or review week, or during final exams. It has to be used during normal instructional class days with prior registered online notice at least 12 hours in advance.

**Section III. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section IV. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section V. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Athena Bruess YMCA Delegation: Ursuline Academy.  
YMCA: Town North. City: Dallas. Grade: 12.

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all Texas school districts to rewrite the curriculum of Sex Education to include more options besides abstinence and to provide an optional LGBTQ+ Sex Education course and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Sex Education:** a broad term used to describe education about human sexual anatomy, sexual reproduction, sexual intercourse, and other aspects of human sexual behavior

**Abstinence:** the fact or practice of restraining oneself from indulging in sexual behavior

**LGBTQ+:** lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (and questioning) and others

**HIV:** human immunodeficiency virus; attacks the body's immune system, specifically the T cells, which help the immune system fight off infections

**STD:** a sexually transmitted disease

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

Every independent school district in the state of Texas are required to rewrite their curriculum of Sex Education. Currently, abstinence is one of the only topics taught in the Sex Education course. There needs to be more topics included to the Sex Education curriculum such as how to create and sustain healthy and respectful relationships; efficacy of condoms; importance of using condoms consistently and correctly; how to correctly use a condom; how HIV and other STDs are transmitted; etc. For the optional LGBTQ+ course, topics that will be taught will include the emphasis of the need for protection during sex; the dispelling of common myths and stereotypes; etc.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

**1<sup>st</sup> offense:** a warning will be given

**2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** .5% of school funding will be taken away

**3<sup>rd</sup> offense:** 1% of school funding will be taken away

**4<sup>th</sup> offense:** 2% of school funding will be taken away

**Any offense afterwards:** an additional 2% of school funding will be taken away from the previous amount

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect at the start of the 2019-2020 school year.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**



Author: Coy Mason YMCA Delegation: Duncanville HS  
YMCA: Oak Cliff. City: Dallas. Grade: 9th.

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act eliminating parent consent marriage in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

1. Marriage- the state of being united as a consensual and contractual relationship recognized by law.
2. Minor- A person under the age of full legal responsibility.
3. Marriage license- A license a couple must obtain before getting married.
4. Partnership- An association of two people in a relationship.
5. Parent consent- Permission from a parent for something or to do something.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- a) This act shall eliminate parent consent marriage in the state of Texas. No child under the age of 18 shall be married even with parent consent.
- b) If one of the recipients was to be under the age of 18, that couple shall not receive a marriage license, General nor a Formal License.
- c) No church or county clerk's office shall give marriage licenses to couples who were to be engaged if there is minor in the partnership.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

No one shall be penalized.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

## A Bill To Be Entitled

This bill shall give male parents, who are employed full time, 10 working days of paternity leave that they will have to spend time with their children and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### Section I. DEFINITIONS:

Paternity Leave- a period of absence from work granted to a father after or shortly before the birth of his child.

### Section II. PROVISIONS:

The designated legal intent for increasing the paternity leave time is to give the child and the male parent time together so that they can build a strong healthy relationship. This will also give the caregiver a break from staying with the infant child alone. Parenting couples, such as adoptive parents or same sex parents may designate the caregiver to receive the additional paternity time.

### Section III. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### Section IV. REPEALER CLAUSE:

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### Section V. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

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**Author:** Grace Zhou **YMCA Delegation:** Independence High School  
**YMCA:** Plano Family. **City:** Plano **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to prohibit the use of racial slurs of students not from the slur origin's race or ethnicity within secondary public schools and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Racial slur: any derogatory term based on one's ethnicity or race used against a person

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. High school students who use racial slurs and are not from the race or ethnicity of the slurs' origin will be required to take sensitivity training and write an apology.

B. Repeat offenders will be suspended.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

A. Schools who fail to enforce this policy will be fined based on the number of offenses. Schools with who surpass a certain number of offenses will be cut funding.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act relating to emancipation for minors and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Emancipation(for minors)- Emancipation is when a minor has achieved independence from his or her parents/guardians, such as by getting married before reaching age 18 or by becoming fully self-supporting.

Texas Family Code- The Texas Family Code is a bill that provides 5 titles for child laws(Marriage Relationships, Truancy, and etc.)

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. This bill will lower the emancipation age to 15
- B. Emancipation of a minor in Texas happens in three ways: Marriage, entering the military, or legal proceeding
- C. Texas Family Code Section 1.104 "Except as expressly provided by statute or by the constitution, a person, regardless of age, who have been married in accordance with the law of this state has the capacity and power of an adult, including the capacity to contract."
- D. The legal age to join the military is 18, but with parent/guardians permission, a child may join earlier than their 18th birthday.
- E. Texas Family Code Section 31.005 allows minors to go through a legal proceeding to get emancipated

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

There are no penalties for this bill because it is up to the court to grant a minor emancipation from their parents/guardians

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect the after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

1. An act raising the minimum annual wage for state-employed teachers and professors and declaring an
2. emergency.
- 3.
4. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
- 5.
6. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
7. minimum annual wage – the smallest gross income that an individual is legally allowed to receive on a
8. yearly basis
9. teacher – one whose occupation is to instruct
10. professor – a teacher at a university, college, or sometimes secondary school
- 11.
12. Section II. PROVISIONS:
13. Article I. The minimum annual wage for state-employed teachers and professors will be raised to
14. \$40,000 (2018)
15. i. This value is to be adjusted annually to account for inflation; school districts will
16. have 60 (sixty) days to adjust their pay in accordance to this new value each year
- 17.
18. Section III. PENALTIES:
19. If any school district is found to be in noncompliance after the effective date, the teachers will be
20. compensated by funds allocated from the salaries of members of the school board.
- 21.
22. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
23. This act shall take effect 1461 days (four years) after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
- 24.
25. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
26. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.
- 27.
28. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
29. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the
30. other portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 31.
32. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:
33. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an
34. emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on
35. three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended

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**Baness Hernandez**

**James Monroe**

**Sakelson**

**Sairam Mugada**

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

1. An act requiring all students in the state of Texas to complete a service project as a graduation
2. requirement and declaring an emergency.
- 3.
4. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
- 5.
6. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
7. High School Students: any student in grades 9 to 12.
8. Service project: a community service-based undertaking that requires a significant amount of time and
9. dedication.
- 10.
11. Section II. PROVISIONS:
12. I. All service projects must be completed during junior and/ or senior year.
13. II. All service projects must have an adult mentor, as well as an obvious reflective process (the
14. student should document all steps taken, all portions of the project, etc.)
15. III. All service projects should have a minimum of twenty logged hours of work completed by the
16. student at the end of the project.
17. IV. School districts will set the process for the completion of these service projects. If a major
18. service project is already required for the student in some way, the student may submit that
19. Service project for both requirements. The school district must have their plans for the
20. process approved by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) prior to the starting date of the first
21. school year for which this will be a requirement.
- 22.
23. Section III. PENALTIES:
24. For not requiring students to complete their projects, schools will be fined \$1500 per student, and be
25. liable for any damages caused to each individual student.
- 26.
27. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
28. This act shall take effect one school year (for incoming juniors) after the adjournment of the Youth
29. Legislature.
- 30.
31. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
32. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.
- 33.
34. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
35. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the
36. other portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 37.
38. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:
39. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an  
emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on  
three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

1. An act prohibiting the administration of the STAAR exams and declaring an emergency.
- 2.
3. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
- 4.
5. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
6. The STAAR exams- the series of state-mandated standardized tests used in Texas public
7. schools, including the reading and mathematics, grades 3–8, writing at grades 4 and 7,
8. science at grades 5 and 8, social studies at grade 8, and the end-of-course (EOC)
9. assessments for English I, English II, English III, Algebra I, Algebra II biology and U.S history.
- 10.
11. Section II. PROVISIONS:
12. This bill shall prohibit the creation and administration of the STAAR test in the state of Texas.
13. Any other advanced credit or achievement exams will remain unaffected.
- 14.
15. Section III. PENALTIES:
16. A school's attempt to administer a STAAR exam or attempting to force students to take it as
17. though it was the real exam, will result in a \$5,000 fine for each day of administration.
- 18.
19. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
20. This act shall take effect at the beginning of the next school year after the adjournment of the
21. youth Legislature.
- 22.
23. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
24. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the
25. Conflict.
- 26.
27. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
28. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that
29. the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- 30.
31. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:
32. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses
33. create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring
34. bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby
35. suspended.



## King \_ Alexis \_ Independence High School \_ Frisco

Author: Alexis King YMCA Delegation: Independence High School  
YMCA: Plano Family YMCA City: Frisco Grade: 12

### **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating state prosecutors must offer individuals caught in the act of prostitution a specialized plea deal and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

#### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. State Prosecutor: A lawyer who works for the state and is responsible for starting legal proceedings and then proving in court that the suspect committed the crime they are accused of.
- B. Offer: To present to the defendant as a possible option.
- C. Individuals: The person performing the actions.
- D. Prostitution: The practice or occupation of engaging in sexual activity with someone for payment.
- E: Specialized Plea Deal: The opportunity to participate in a probation and counseling program in return for revealing the identity of their handler.

#### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. This bill will help reduce prostitution and help catch traffickers by increasing the rights of the victims.
- B. All accusations of trafficking by the defendant will be investigated by the State Department of Justice.
- C. If the accusation is found to be true, the State Department of Justice will uphold the terms of the plea deal.
- D. The individual will be placed on a five year probation period and attend counseling session for a designated number of hours in a certain time frame based on the courts' digression.
- E. The individual will submit proof of counseling attendance to the court monthly until the required number of counseling hours is met.

#### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

If the State Department of Justice fails to offer a defendant the specialized plea deal, then:

- A. First (1st) Offense: Written Warning
- B. Second (2nd) Offense: Fine of \$1000
- C. Third (3rd) Offense: Fine of \$2000
- D. Fourth (4th) Offense: For this offense and any other offense after this the funding for the Department of Justice will be cut by two percent (2%).



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If the individual fails to complete the required number of counseling hours in the allotted time frame, then:

A: The individual returns to court to be sentenced to jail time.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act declaring September 11 to be a state holiday and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A) "September 11" means September 11 2001, the date of the Terrorist attack by Muslim radicals who took over planes and bombed the World Trade Centers in New York, and the Pentagon when 2,977 Americans died in the attack.
- B) In this chapter, "state agency" means a department, board, commission, or other entity of state government, other than a university system or an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, that: (1) has authority that is not limited to a geographical portion of the state; (2) was created by the constitution or a state statute with an ongoing mission and responsibilities
- C) "Local government" means a county, including all district and precinct offices of a county, municipality, public school district, appraisal district, or any other special-purpose district or authority.
- D) Government Offices/Buildings- all government courthouses, town halls, city government buildings, Texas State Capitol.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A) All state agencies, local government offices and state government offices excluding public schools shall be closed on September 11.
- B) The board of trustees of each school district shall provide for the observance of at each school in the district adopt and implement a program to teach and inform students in K-12 about the events that took place on September 11, 2001 to be displayed or presented as a part of the social studies or government curriculum on each September 11.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A) A violation of this act by any person, government agency or school district shall constitute a Class B Misdemeanor.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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Author: Michael, Givens YMCA Delegation: Skyline Highschool  
YMCA: White Rock YMCA City: Dallas. Grade: 9th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act restricting parents or any adult from smoking in a motorized vehicle with a minor and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**-Minor:** Anyone under the age of 18.

**-Adult:** Anyone Over the age of 17.

**-Motorized Vehicle:** Any sort of moving vehicle.

**-Restricting:** To control or to put a limit to.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

If the violation is observed by the law enforcement the individual will be given a ticket.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

-If he or she breaks the law the first time they shall be given a 50 dollar fine.

-if the law is violated the second time they will be given a 100 dollar fine.

-If the law is broken the third time the offender's driver's license will be suspended for a month.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



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Author: Escarleth Soto YMCA Delegation: Skyline High School  
YMCA: YMCA City: Dallas Grade: 11

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act providing Texas high school students with a college educational course earning elective credit and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

College educational course- It provides students with the requirements they need in order to attend college

Elective credit- A course credit chosen to complete a goal

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

During this course, high school students will be able to research the following: college entrance requirements, scholarships, grants and aid available for graduating seniors. It will offer guidance and instruction regarding essays and other information required for college applications and scholarships.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature..

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Miryam Mata YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
YMCA: Oak Cliff Delegation City: Duncanville Grade: 9<sup>th</sup> grade

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all public universities in the state of Texas to give an automatic discount from tuition to the top 2% of students in their class and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Tuition: a sum of money charged for teaching or instruction by a school, college, or university.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

This bill is comprised of public universities giving the top 2% of a senior class an automatic discount from their college tuition. The discount will be of \$10,000 and will be raised from a raise in taxes of 2.5%.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

For every offence, the public university that refuses to give this discount will have 2% of their funding deducted and distributed to low-funded school.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating all public schools in the state of Texas to have a monthly contraceptive vehicle visit and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Contraceptive: A method or device serving to protect against pregnancy.
- B. Vehicle: Motorized automotive that transports people or goods

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. In order to prevent the rising teen pregnancy rates in the State of Texas, Planned Parenthood will create a Vehicle carrying different forms of contraceptives, and doctors to offer, prescribe, and sell affordable forms of birth control.
- B. These Planned Parenthood vehicles shall visit Texas public schools after dismissal of classes and shall visit monthly by request of School.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. If said school does not request the vehicle then said school shall be fined \$1000 for that month
- B. If said school does not request the vehicle then said school shall be fined \$3,000 for a second month.
- C. If said school does not request the vehicle then said school shall be fined 5% of its budget

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to mandate the use of hybrid vehicles to reduce pollution and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Mandate: A command or authorization to act in a particular way on a public issue given by the electorate to its representative.
- B. Hybrid Vehicle: a vehicle using two different forms of power, such as an electric motor and an internal combustion engine, or an electric motor with a battery and fuel cells for energy storage.
- C. Vehicles: A thing used for transporting people or goods, especially on land, such as a car, truck, or cart.
- D. Reduce: Make smaller or less in amount, degree, or size.
- E. Pollution: the presence in or introduction into the environment of a substance or thing that has harmful or poisonous effects.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. The use of hybrid vehicles, such as cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc. will be mandatory.
- B. All current non-hybrid vehicles will be exchanged for eco-friendly vehicles.
- C. All non-hybrid vehicle production will stop.
- D. Car manufacturers will begin producing
- E. The use of eco-friendly vehicles will reduce pollution because less carbon dioxide is emitted.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. Texas residents who do not obtain a hybrid car shall receive the following punishments:
  - a. License will be suspended until hybrid car is obtained.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act providing the establishment of an Education Savings Account system in Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Funds - U.S. Dollars
- B. Educational Program - Private school, homeschooling, trade schools, online schools, private tutors, fees for national norm-referenced tests, advanced placement exams, or college admission exams.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. An Educational Savings Account shall be put into effect to allow parents/guardians the choice for their child's education.
- B. The state shall provide funds, that are equal to what would have been paid in taxes to educate a student for the remainder of the school career, to the parents/guardians for them to decide what educational program they wish to use for their child.
- C. In order to receive these funds a parent/guardian must be 5-18 years of age, have attended public school for 1 school semester, and have submitted an application to their school district.
- D. The funds will be provided on a monthly bases by the school district in which the applicant lives in.
- E. All purchases will be monitored by the state government to insure that funds are being used appropriately.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Penalties will be placed if one if found guilty of using funds for non-educational purposes

- A. 1st Offense: Total amount of funds given by the state must be paid back within 2 months, failure to do so will result in upwards of 5 years of prison with probation. The offender may also no longer apply for an Educational Savings Account.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**



Author: Aimon Ibssa    YMCA Delegation: Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
YMCA: Dallas    City: McKinney    Grade: 9th

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

An act requiring all players to be substituted out of a game that is of a collision sport in a Public High School League, when they suffer a identifiable concussion in the ongoing game and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

Substitute - replacing one player with another during a match.

Identifiable Concussion - an injury to the brain that results in temporary loss of normal brain function caused by a blow to the head that can be identified visually.

Collision Sport - A sport in which the athletes purposely hit or collide with each other or inanimate objects, including the ground.

Public High School Sports League - a league that holds competitions in a wide range of indoor and outdoor sports in fall, winter and spring seasons.

Section II. PROVISIONS:

A. Once the person who suffered a concussion is substituted, they will not be able to re-enter the game.

B. An Athletic Trainer provided by the High School Team will identify if the player has a concussion since they are liable to identify all identifiable concussions according to the Legal Liability in Covering Athletic Events.

C. If the player is already substituted out of the game and an Athletic Trainer identifies the player has suffered a concussion, they will not be able to return to the game.

Section III. PENALTIES:

1st Offense: If the team doesn't comply with this rule, they will be instilled with a warning.

2nd Offense: A 500 Dollar Fine will be made to the School

3rd Offense: An additional \$500 will be added to the fine each offense after the 2nd offense

Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect One Hundred Eighty (180) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

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Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

An act requiring all public schools to retain and revert back to class ranks and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

**Public schools** - schools funded by the state

**retain**- to continue to keep and sustain

**Revert**- return to a previous state

**Class ranks**- a measure of how a student's performance compares to other students in his or her own class.

**Top 10% rule** - A rule created by governor George W. Bush in 1997, and states that any student in the top ten percent of their class, gains automatic admission to any state funded college.

**Scholarship**- a grant or payment made to support a student's education, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievement.

**Clubs**- an association or organization dedicated to a particular interest or Activity.

Section II. PROVISIONS:

A. This bill should be passed because of historical success from previous Generations and precedence since 1997.

B. Class ranks allow students to have motivation and further instill a stronger work ethic. It creates the desire to have a drive and be academically motivated.

C. Without rank, colleges are forced to focus more on standardized test scores, and lack of class rank can diminish chances of acceptance at some top colleges.

D. There should be a difference and AP or advanced classes should be weighted differently

E. Each year, the class ranks should be reset, to encourage positive student work ethic. At the end of the four years, all 4 annual averages would be sent to the colleges

F. The ranks shall be announced at the end of each semester, so the students can have encouragement to academically redeem themselves, if they feel necessary.

Section III. PENALTIES:

A. If a Texas public school fails to abide by class ranks, then they are not be eligible for the top 10% rule or if UT Austin top 6% rule until the rank system brought back.

B. A school that doesn't retain class ranks loses the opportunity to receive state

**Commented [1]:** Is this permanent? Be more specific with dates and I recommend having a penalty for every offense, increasing in severity. If you just have the penalty that they automatically lose funding, delegates will focus on that saying it's too harsh.



TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

**Author:** Varunika Singh **YMCA Delegation:** Independence High School  
**YMCA:** Plano Family YMCA **City:** Frisco **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act restricting phone usage in all Texas public schools and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Public Schools: Schools that are maintained by public expense of the district or state.

B. Educational Activity: anything promoting, or for the purpose of, learning and/or academic advancement. Examples include, but are not limited to, Quizlet, Kahoot, and Google Classroom.

C. Free Time: any time that the teacher is not giving active instruction during and has allotted to the students to do whatever they choose

D. Disciplinary Consequences: vary across each school but typically include warnings, detentions, short-term suspensions, long-term suspensions, and more.

E. Phone - a telephone; a device of communication

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. All public schools must enforce a no-phone policy during instruction-time in their classrooms.

B. Teachers must collect phones wherever they deem fit or let students keep them in their bags.

C. Phones may be out for the purpose of an educational activity, under teacher direction, or if there is free time.

D. Students that are caught on their phone when they are not allowed to be will receive disciplinary consequences, at the teacher and school administration's discretion.

E. Teachers that are not enforcing these rules will be given 5 warnings, paid administrative leave, and finally asked to leave their position.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

If a public school fails to enforce these terms, each of the following will happen.

A. 1st offense: written warning letter

B. 2nd offense: Fine of \$5,000

C. 3rd offense: Fine of \$20,000

D. Each consequent offense is a fine increase of \$20,000.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect the next school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

## **Joubert \_ Amaris \_ Duncanville High School \_ Dallas**

Author: Amaris-Lynn Joubert YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas Grade: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating every city in the state of Texas to have a set number of apartment complexes per residency and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

#### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Residents- One must be an independent (not claimed as a dependent for income tax purposes), US citizen or permanent resident, (have a green card, also known as card I-551 or the evidence of I-551 stamp in the passport) or international student who is eligible to establish a domicile in Texas and live in the state of Texas for 12 consecutive months and establish a domicile in Texas
- B. Apartment complexes- a group of buildings that contain apartments and are managed by the same company.
- C. City planners- The profession of determining the future physical arrangement and condition of a community.
- D. Income Based Rent- The amount a tenant will pay is based on their income. Taken into consideration is family size, special needs expenses, etc. apartment home.

#### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. The Texas Department of Housing will check to ensure that permits are being given for apartment complexes.
- B. City planners will have to submit plans for the addition of 5 apartment complexes per 10,000 residents.
- C. 3 out of 5 apartment complexes' rent will be income based. Applicants for income based housing with single parent families will be given priority.
- D. The Texas Department of Housing will determine the monthly rent of an approved income based apartment home by calculating 30% of the tenant's adjusted gross income. The government will subsidize the remainder of the rent.
- E. Apartment complexes will be located in different geographical regions (North, West, East, and South).

#### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. City will lose 5% of state funding per fiscal year for refusing to comply.
- B. City will lose 10% of state funding per fiscal year for refusing to comply.
- C. Councilmen who refuse to comply will be terminated from their positions on the council.



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**Joubert \_ Amaris \_ Duncanville High School \_ Dallas**

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (1,095) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** MASON DAUGHERTY **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine

**YMCA:** Dallas **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 11

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act embedding Texas criminals with passive Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID) and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Embed:** to fix firmly in a surrounding mass

**Criminal:** someone who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime. Felons.

**RFID:** uses electromagnetic fields to automatically identify and track tags attached to objects.

The tags contain electronically-stored information. Passive tags collect energy from a nearby reader's interrogating radio waves.

**First Degree Felony:** Examples include include aggravated robbery, aggravated assault, kidnapping and sexual assault.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

**A.** Applies only to first and second degree felonies under Tex. Penal Code Ann. § 12.04.

**B.** Will not backdate on existing felons, though will apply to future crimes by said felon.

**C.** All law enforcement facilities in Texas will be appropriately equipped to perform the procedure on convicts, existing on-site medical personnel will undergo the brief training process

**D.** The criminal record will publicly host on a blockchain ledger to prevent falsification of records

**E.** The additional cost is ~\$60 on top of the existing \$10,000/incarcerated person.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Those found tampering with or removing their implant will be injected with a new one and;

**1st offense:** \$5000 fine + 100 hours of community service

**2nd offense:** \$15000 fine + 200 hours of community service

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect one hundred eighty (180) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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Author: Nicole Bruner YMCA Delegation: Richardson Homeschool  
YMCA: Richardson City: Rockwall Grade: 12th

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all voters to pass a basic civics test and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

USCIS: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- 1) All eligible voters in the state of Texas are now required to pass a basic civics test in order to be allowed to vote.
- 2) This civics test will follow the same procedures and be of the same content as the civics portion of the naturalization test administered by the USCIS for all immigrants seeking American citizenship. Electronically administered tests will also be allowed.
- 3) The test must be completed every 10 years for each citizen, with a tenth of the eligible voting population randomly selected per year to take it. Citizens shall be tested during a time immediately prior to voting in any given election.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

Any polling locations that do not implement the test as a part of the voting process will not be allowed to operate.

If a voter fails both attempts at the civics test, they will not be able to vote until their next possible opportunity to complete and pass the test.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to institute a mandatory physical education program into every Texas K-12 student's yearly school schedule and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Physical Education Program: Also abbreviated as PE, a class or sports program meant to foster successful personal and social skills and healthy living habits among children concerning exercise, nutrition and lifestyle.
- B. K-12 Education System: The sum of grades which take place in primary and secondary schools in Texas.
- C. Healthy living habits: Parts of a lifestyle that ensure that a person is able to stay healthy through proper nutrition, sleep management, and mental health.
- D. Record sheet: A daily log which will show the student's name by which instructors can either sign off indicating sufficient effort for that day or where they can indicate a reason for lack of effort or absence that day.
- E. State mandated exam: Exam which will test the physical ability of the students in areas of weight, flexibility, agility, stamina and strength through tests over mile time, push ups and sit ups, etc. Certain criteria will be based on the American Heart Association's yearly healthy standards for that year.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. All students enrolled in the K-12 education program will be required to partake in a physical education course every year until graduation.
- B. The PE class should be fit into student schedules to account for at least 90 minutes, 60 minutes of exercise and 30 minutes education over nutrition and healthy living habits, every other day of the school week.
- C. Equipment will be derived from the school district and in the case of a shortage, school districts will be able to request more from the State of Texas Government,
- D. Course instructors will sign off on a record sheet at the end of each day for each student indicating that the student put out sufficient effort in that class. For each student not signed off, teachers must provide reasoning as to why not.
  - a. If reasoning provided indicates unavoidable/ extraneous circumstances such as but not limited to sickness, personal emergencies or religious circumstances, then the student will be not face any disciplinary action.
- E. At the conclusion of the course, students will take a state mandated exam and must meet certain criteria, to pass. If the student fails, he/she will be placed in a daily 2 hour summer supplementary course.
  - a. Students with 9 or more offenses will be placed in summer supplementary course, regardless of passing the exam.
- F. Participation in school sports or out of school sports (signed off by an out of school instructor) will exempt student from the course. Students with mental illnesses and disabilities will also be exempt from participation in this course.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. If reasoning provided by instructor for lack of sufficient effort indicates lack of responsibility on part of the student, the student will face disciplinary action as follows:
  - a. First Offense: Warning
  - b. Second Offense: Warning and Notification of Parents
  - c. Third, Fourth and Fifth Offense: Detention
  - d. Sixth and Seventh Offense: One day In school Suspension
  - e. Eighth Offense: Out of School Suspension
  - f. Any more offenses will result in a failing grade and a daily 2 hour summer supplementary course.
- B. If 80% of the student body of a school fails to pass the exam, the school will be punished with a 10% cut on funds, based on current year amount, for the following year.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect at the start of the school year following the adjournment of the Youth

64. Legislature.  
65.  
66. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:  
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75. emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on  
76. three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.  
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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act prohibiting the use of punitive solitary confinement for more than 24 hours as a form of correction for convicted juveniles sentenced to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Solitary Confinement: The placement of an incarcerated individual in a locked room or cell with minimal to no contact with people other than staff of the correctional facility. It is used as a form of discipline or punishment.

B. Juvenile: A juvenile is a person who was at least 10 years old but not yet 17 at the time he or she committed an act defined as "delinquent conduct" or "conduct in need of supervision."

C. Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJC): Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJC) is the state's juvenile corrections agency. Detained young offenders can only be placed in detention centers that are registered by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, under the Texas Family Code.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. Juvenile offenders sentenced by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department were placed in solitary confinement over 36,820 times in 2017, according to state records obtained by the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition. Ranging ages from 10 to 17, the form of correction held multiple psychiatric consequences for prolonged solitary confinement more than 24 hours, such as depression, anxiety and psychosis according to The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

B. Though many correctional officers believe that such units are necessary for temporary self-analysis and reflection when the imprisoned are either being a disruptive influence or assault other individuals, many substantiated cases have concluded that the practice often lasts days to months on end, with no regulation as to the maximum hours a minor may be placed. Specifically in Texas during 2013 alone, 229 juveniles with mental-health problems were kept in seclusion for a total of almost 60,000 hours.

C. Though not prohibiting the use of solitary confinement as a form of correction and/or temporary housing method for juveniles who may become a hazard to themselves and others, a limitation to the maximum hours an individual may be placed without interaction, educational opportunities, and reflection of their actions will remove any question of unnecessary abuse experienced by offenders in the Texas Juvenile Justice Department while gaining therapeutic and correctional treatment during incarceration.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

A. 1st offense: A fine equal to 1% of a facility's annual revenue for the first substantiated violation.

B. 2nd offense: A fine equal to 2% of a facility's annual revenue for the second substantiated violation.

C. 3rd Offense: A fine equal to 3% of a facility's annual revenue for the third substantiated violation.

D. 4th Offense: For the fourth and any subsequent violation thereafter, further non-compliance will be managed by the Administration of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

52. This act shall take effect four months (120 days) after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
53. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
54. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the
55. conflict.
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57. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
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64. bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby
65. suspended.

Public and private prisons- all prisons are publicized according to texas faily code and law, they report to the TJJD

Transportation costs - unless moved, no transportation costs

Severity of crime - later charged as adults if severe enough

**Author:** Georgina Chen  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA

**YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd  
**City:** Dallas **Grade:** 10

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring the state of Texas to ban all commercial trampoline parks and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Commercial - making or intended to make a profit

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

Any commercial trampoline parks are to be shut down due to safety hazards. This will not affect any noncommercial buildings with large trampolines that are used for training purposes. This is due to the simple fact that trampoline parks are usually far understaffed and unregulated. The few restrictions on trampoline parks barely make them any safer and extremely hard to enforce. The trampoline parks would be checked by an inspector after the 180 days for the bill to take place and then again every 6 months until eventual forceful shut down.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

1st offense - \$10,000

2nd offense - \$50,000

3rd offense - Forceful shut down

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect one hundred eighty (180) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby Suspended.

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**Author:** Arjun Dodanari **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** Frisco **Grade:** 12th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating that any company, public or private, that has operations in Texas that is sold or partly sold to a company based outside of the United States must retain all employees for a period of at least 1 year and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Public Company- A company that is public traded.

Private Company- A company that is not publicly traded

H-1B Visa- is a **visa** in the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act, which allows US employers to employ foreign workers in specialty occupations

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

Must be for a period of 365 days after notice is given.

All formats and types of companies including non-profits are under this bill.

Applies to all US citizens or green card holders and not those with H-1B or F1 Visas.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

1<sup>ST</sup> OFFENSE and every subsequent penalty- a fine of the total value of total employee salaries and bonuses based on 2017 fiscal calendar and a 10% tax raise for the next fiscal quarter.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature. (You May amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act declaring all citizens in the state of Texas that has committed a federal crime shall be microchipped and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Microchip-** a tiny wafer of semiconducting material used to make an integrated circuit.

**Implants-** insert or fix (tissue or an artificial object) in a person's body, especially by surgery.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

The chip shall be placed in the fore arm. The chip will be for tracking by government associations starting from the government the way down to the CIA. Basically they will only get the chip if the person commits a federal crime. The day of your release you will be implanted with the chip.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

**Penalty One:** If you are caught without your chip you will be put in jail for 6 weeks and until you pay for the replacement chip.

**Penalty Two:** If you If you are caught without your chip you will be put in jail for 3 months and until you pay for the replacement chip.

**Penalty Three:** If you are caught without your chip you will be put in jail for 5 months and until you pay for the replacement chip.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (110) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**Author:** Nicholas Hoff   **YMCA Delegation:** Richardson  
**YMCA:** Richardson   **City:** Richardson   **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act regarding vehicle inspections in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

1. State Vehicle Inspections: Mandatory annual vehicle inspections conducted by the state.
2. Commercial Vehicle: Any semi-trailer truck or any bus used to transport goods or passengers for the profit of a business.
3. Private Vehicle: Any private car owned and used for private needs.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

1. All state vehicle inspections of private vehicles shall no longer be conducted.
2. All commercial vehicles shall be required to be inspected by the state no less than once every five years.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

None.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Author:** Rajpal Bal **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA. **City:** Dallas. **Grade:** 12th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all transnational corporate buildings to have a view sky and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Transnational Corporate Buildings: buildings that belong to **large transnational corporations** that are used to house the employees of corporations and the corporations themselves.

B. Transnational corporations: A type of parent enterprise. Transnational Corporations are a type of parent enterprise that is defined as one that controls assets of other entities in countries other than its home country, usually by owning a certain equity capital stake.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. This bill is feasible because transnational corporations are the wealthiest corporations worldwide and have the most amount of money at their leisure that they can spend on whatever they please.

B. There are 20 Transnational Corporations in Texas that employ over 1.5 million Texans.

C. This bill would be the first in a series of steps to improve workers' conditions.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

A. First offense: 5% Budget cut in that transnational corporation's Texas branch.

B. Second offense: 10% Budget cut in that transnational corporation's Texas branch.

**C. These cuts will continue until the transnational corporation has decided to install proper windows/sunroofs/access to daylight/sunlight.**

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2020 after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring the legal age for using nicotine products to be increased from 18 to 21 and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Cigarette: a thin cylinder of finely cut tobacco rolled in paper for smoking.
- B. Cigar: a cylinder of tobacco rolled in tobacco leaves for smoking.
- C. Chewing Tobacco: tobacco that is chewed or held in the mouth, typically between the cheek and gums, rather than smoked.
- D. Vaporizers: is a battery-powered vaporizer which simulates the feeling of smoking
- E. Using: when smoking, chewing or inhaling tobacco products on purpose
- F. Nicotine: a toxic colorless or yellowish oily liquid that is the chief active constituent of tobacco.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. High school students will get free tobacco counseling to stop users.
- B. All tobacco product purchases must be verified and sold only to person of proper age.
- C. Underage people who try to buy nicotine bearing products will be subject to questioning about their past usage.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. First time offense is a warning
- B. Second time offense is a \$100 fine
- C. Third time offense is a \$200 fine
- D. Fourth and higher offense is a \$400 fine and a weekly session of rehabilitation until institute says individual is no longer addicted.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect next school year after all users get rehabilitation

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Author:** Tanya Shiramagond **YMCA Delegation:** Liberty High School  
**YMCA:** Plano **City:** Frisco **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act prohibiting construction and development on wetlands regions in Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Construction - the development of a building or infrastructure
- B. Wetlands - areas where water covers the soil, or is present either at or near the surface of the soil all year or for varying periods of time during the year, as defined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetland Inventory.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. Any construction or development on Texas wetlands will hereafter be prohibited.
- B. This act does not apply to projects presently under construction or to projects for which all of the funds have been appropriated.
- C. This act does not apply to the issuance by Federal agencies of permits or licenses to private parties involving activities involving wetlands on privately owned property.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. A violation of this act will result in a fine of \$20,000.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act penalizing the use of pesticides harmful to Texas bees and other pollinating populations and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Pesticides- A substance used for destroying insects or other organisms harmful to cultivated plants or to animals.
- B. Pollinating Populations- Insects that pollinate such as bees, mosquitos, pollen wasps, and butterflies.
- C. NPMA- National Pest Management Association

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. This act shall restrict the use of harmful pesticides on bees and other pollinating insects in the State of Texas.
- B. This act shall be managed and regulated by the NPMA

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. If a company is found guilty of being in violation of this act, funding for the guilty party shall cease until a safer solution or chemical is found to replace the current pesticide in use.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Sanjana Dandu

**YMCA:** Plano

**City:** Plano

**YMCA Delegation:** Liberty High School

**Grade:** 9th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating that all pregnant women shall be persecuted with a second degree felony charge if their baby is tested positive to show Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FASD) and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Pregnant: A woman having an embryo or fetus developing in their uterus
- B. Second Degree Felony: An individual adjudged guilty of a felony of the second degree shall be punished by imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for any term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years and fined \$10,000.
- C. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FASD): Physical and mental defects that are caused by high levels of alcohol consumption during pregnancy.
- D. Alcohol Consumption Questionnaire: Specific tests to determine if a person has consumed alcohol, there are numerous tests which can be suitable for different people.
- E. Antepartum Depression: A form of depression generally thought to be caused by a combination of hormonal changes and psychological disturbances associated with pregnancy.
- F. Sobriety: When a person is committed to removing all harmful substances from their life in hopes of gaining reform. In the context of this bill, sobriety is achieved after 5 years of staying sober.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. The mother will be tested for alcohol consumption with the use of a specific alcohol consumption questionnaire when she is found to be pregnant.
- B. Women who suffer from Antepartum Depression (who are more prone to alcohol usage) will be offered treatment options depending on the severity of their illness.
- C. If the child is found to have a form of FASD later on in their life then the mother will be prosecuted with the necessary charges.
- D. If the mother has proven she can achieve sobriety through counselling and guidance programs, then she will have the felony charges dropped.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. If the pregnant mother is found to be abusing alcohol and the child is tested positive for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, then she will be charged with child abuse.
- B. If the mother is found to have passed on FASD to her children more than once, then all parental rights will be terminated.
- C. If the mother is seen to be harming the fetus by constantly drinking alcohol (or if she is addicted to alcohol) during pregnancy, then she will be put under strict surveillance by medical professionals to ensure the safety of the baby.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect immediately after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

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Author: Julia Bowers YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School YMCA: Oak Cliff YMCA. City: Cedar Hill Grade: 11

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

An act eliminating the statute of limitations in all rape cases and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Statute of Limitations: a statute prescribing a period of limitation for the bringing of certain kinds of legal action

Rape: unlawful sexual activity and usually sexual intercourse carried out forcibly or under threat of injury against a person's will or with a person who is beneath a certain age or incapable of valid consent because of mental illness, mental deficiency, intoxication, unconsciousness

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

Instead of a 10 year statute of limitations, there will be no time limitation on legal action in cases regarding rape

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature. (You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Cameron McFall YMCA Delegation: Palestine High School  
YMCA: Palestine YMCA City: Palestine Grade: 10th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act to add a financial education course to the State of Texas education curriculum and declaring an emergency.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Financial Education Course:** An educational class designed to increase knowledge and understanding of taxes, proper financial practices, and money management.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

**Penalties can only be applied to schools regulated by the Texas Board of Education.**

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

**If a school district fails to provide a financial education class, the district will receive reduced funding (up to thirty (30) percent reduction).**

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**This act shall take effect in the school year of 2019-2020.**

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

**All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

**If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Joseph Galgo **YMCA Delegation:** Wylie East High School

**YMCA:** JER Chilton **City:** Wylie **Grade:** 9th Grade

**Every Student  
Achieves Act**

An act replacing standardized testing from third to sixth grade and declaring an emergency in the State of Texas. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. "Standardized testing" shall mean: a test that is administered and scored in a consistent, or "standard", manner.

B. "Inspector" shall mean: an employee of the State assigned to observe lessons, look at student work and interview both staff member and students.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

All elementary and middle schools, by execution and delivery of this agreement, do hereby contract with the State, subject to the terms of this agreement, for replacing standardized testing with Government inspections.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. All elementary and middle schools, by execution and delivery of this agreement, do hereby contract with the State, subject to the terms of this agreement, for replacing standardized testing with Government inspections.

B. To take place of standardized testing, inspectors (As defined in Section I) will replace standardized testing.

C. To replace Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), Government Inspectors will receive criteria by The State to measure growth.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

It is imperative that elementary and middle schools implement this system of aptitude measurement. Failure to reach the standards are as follows:

After two consecutive years of not implementing this system of measurement, said school will be labeled as "In Need of Change," and said school is subject, but not limited to, wholesale replacement of staff. Students have the option to move to a better school, if one exists.

- After three consecutive years of not implementing this system of measurement, said school will be labeled as requiring "corrective action". Said school will be subject, but not limited to, wholesale replacement of staff.
- After five consecutive years of not implementing this system of measurement, said school will be subject to State interference, including, but not limited to, closing said school, turning said school into a charter school, or having the State office of Education to run the school directly.
- It is imperative that schools meet Inspector criteria. Failure to reach the standards is as follows:
- Penalties are the same as in The No Child Left Behind Act.
- Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
- This act shall take effect two (2) years after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
- Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
- All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.
- Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
- If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.
- Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:
- The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**Author:** Trisha Dasgupta  
**YMCA:** Plano      **City:** Plano

**YMCA Delegation:** Liberty High School  
**Grade:** 9th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to integrate a Current Events course in public middle schools and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Current Events- Important events happening around the world.
- B. Public Middle Schools- Public schools teaching grades 6 to 8 or 7 to 8.
- C. Mandatory- Required by law or rules.
- D. Curriculum- The subjects comprising a course of study in school.
- E. Unbiased- showing no prejudice for or against something; impartial.
- F. STAAR- State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- 1. The current United States History course mandatory for eighth grade students in public schools will be moved down to be required for seventh grade.
- 2. The current Texas History course curriculum mandatory to seventh grade students enrolled in public schools will be shortened to one sub-unit that will serve as a introduction to the United States History course, as outlined by the Texas Education Agency.
- 3. Eighth grade students enrolled in public middle school will now be required to take a current events course in place of United States History.
- 4. The Current Events course will remain unbiased in its teachings, and will not teach politics.
- 5. Teachers are not to preach personal beliefs or ideas.
- 6. The curriculum for the Current Events course will be centered around teaching students the cause and effects of different major events happening around the world and how to find credible, unbiased news sources.
- 7. Students will be now required to take the United States History STAAR test at the end of seventh grade, once they have completed the United States History course.
- 8. No STAAR test will be administered for the Current Events course.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- 1. Teachers found teaching students biased views will be removed from their position and will no longer be allowed to teach any and all History courses, including Current Events, and will receive a formal warning.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect at the beginning of the 2019 and will only affect incoming seventh grade students after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the

**A BILL  
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  4. An act mandating public high schools to include a mandatory college and career planning
  5. class and declaring an emergency.
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  7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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  9. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
  10. A. Mandatory college planning class: a thirty (30) minute period of time during the school
  11. day where students will be allowed to work independently on college applications or
  12. college planning under the supervision of a teacher.
  13. B. Mandatory career planning class: a thirty (30) minute period of time during the school
  14. day where students will be allowed to independently research and plan for a potential
  15. career in the future under the supervision of a teacher.
  16. C. Public high school: Any school with students in grades ninth through twelfth (9th - 12th)
  17. that is funded and/or operated by a state government entity.
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  19. Section II. PROVISIONS:
  20. A. The mandatory college planning class will be thirty (30) minutes during the school day
  21. anytime.
  22. B. Students who choose to opt out of the college planning class will be required to take the
  23. career planning class instead.
  24. C. The college/career planning class will be supervised by assigned teachers and will take
  25. place in appropriate classroom(s).
  26. D. College/career planning class will take place everyday of the school week.
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  28. Section III. PENALTIES:
  29. A. 1st offense: written warning to school district of the offending school
  30. B. 2nd offense: fine of five hundred dollars (\$500)
  31. C. 3rd offense: fine of one thousand dollars (\$1000)
  32. D. 4th offense: two percent (2%) cut in funding for school district
  33. E. 5th Offense: for each subsequent offense cut one percent (1%) of school district funding
  - 34.
  35. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
  36. This act shall take effect the following school year after the adjournment of the Youth
  37. Legislature.
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  39. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
  40. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the
  41. conflict.
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  43. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
  44. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature
  45. that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.
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  47. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:
  48. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses
  49. create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule
  50. requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule
- hereby suspended.

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Author: Kennedie Phillips YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School.

YMCA: Oak Cliff. City: Dallas. Grade: 9th.

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating that single women that have a child on government assistance have to show proof that they are on birth control before receiving their checks and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Government assistance: Any federal programs, projects, or activity that directly assists individuals directly in areas of education, health, and public welfare.

Birth control: The practice of preventing unwanted pregnancies, typically by use of contraceptive.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A woman who has already had a child and is on government assistance has to show proof she is on birth control in order to receive a check. In the case a woman has twins or a second child she will have 3 years to show signs of improving income otherwise one of the children will be put in foster care. If the woman has a third child after the second one goes to foster care she will only have 2 years to improve her income.

This bill will not apply to a woman on government assistance who currently has two or more children or is pregnant with their second child.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

1. If a woman fails to show her birth control or has missed taking her pills 2 days or more she will not receive her check.
2. If the woman fails to improve her income in 3 years and is still on government assistance her youngest child will be put into foster care.
3. If the woman has another child and is not able to improve her income in two years time, the child will be sent into foster care and the woman will be sterilized.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**



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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**



**Author:** Shea Berthelot **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School.  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 11th

**A BILL  
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5. An act instituting a minimum of 5 mental health professionals per each county and declaring an emergency.
6. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
7. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
8. A. "Non-physician mental health professional" means: (A) a psychologist licensed to practice in this state and designated as a health-service provider; (B) a registered nurse with a master's or doctoral degree in psychiatric nursing; (C) a licensed clinical social worker; (D) a licensed professional counselor licensed to practice in this state; or (E) a licensed marriage and family therapist licensed to practice in this state.
9. B. "Physician" means: (A) a person licensed to practice medicine in this state; (B) a person employed by a federal agency who has a license to practice medicine in any state; or (C) a person authorized to perform medical acts under a physician-in-training permit at a Texas postgraduate training program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the American Osteopathic Association, or the Texas Medical Board.
10. Section II. PROVISIONS:
11. A. This is to create more access to mental health treatment to those who need it, by creating a reasonable amount of mental health professionals who do not have to be medically licensed in the State of Texas, for example a counselor or a psychologist, therapists, physicians, and psychiatrists.
12. B. Many Texans who need mental health care are not able to receive it because 80.47% of the counties in Texas are either partially or entirely within what the state refers to as HPSA (Health Professional Shortage Areas), where there are sometimes less than 1 psychiatrist per 30,000 people and other counties do not have a single psychiatrist within their borders
13. C. Whether or not a county needs to advertise or pay relocation fees, there is an average mental health expenditure for the state just shy of a billion dollars. Money may be allocated from there.
14. Section III. PENALTIES:
15. A. 1st offense: cut salaries of the county officials by 2%.
16. A. 2nd offense: cut salaries of the county officials by an additional 2%.
17. B. 3rd offense: cut funding of the county officials by an additional 5%.
18. Further offences: continue cutting salaries by an additional 2%.
19. B) The cutting of salaries happens every 2 years that 5 mental health professionals are not available within county borders for public use.
20. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
21. This act shall take effect two years (730) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
22. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
23. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.
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25. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:
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32. suspended.

Author: Yuval Marom      YMCA Delegation: Centennial High School  
YMCA: Plano      City: Frisco      Grade: 9

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to ban Individualized Education Programs (IEP) in public schools and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Individualized Education Program (IEP): A document that is developed for each public school child who needs special education.
- B. Major Mental Disorders: Conditions that affect mood, thinking, and/or behavior; a mental pattern that causes significant distress and/or impairment of personal functioning. Examples include depression, anxiety disorder, Autism, bipolar disorder, ADHD, and PTSD.
- C. Campus: The land and institutional buildings that house the operation of a public school.
- D. Public School: An institution of education operated and funded by the State of Texas.
- E. Education faculty: The staff of a public school that is comprised of educators.
- F. Campus Office (Administration): Faculty members of an education institution that manage tasks to ensure that the staff can work efficiently and effectively.
- G. Parents/Guardians: An adult (above age 18) responsible for a student enrolled in a public school.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. Individualized Education Programs shall be prohibited within Texas public schools.
- B. Current students with major mental disorders using an Individualized Education Program must stop the usage on the effective date.
- C. Students with major mental disorders will be offered counseling once a day on school days with the school counselor.
- D. Campus front office administration on all Texas public schools shall be collectively required to author monthly reports to confirm to prohibition of the usage of Individualized Education Programs.
- E. Each member of the educational faculty of a Texas public schools shall be required to author monthly reports to confirm the absence of safe spaces under their discretion or sponsorship.
  - a. Monthly reports must be completed once per month of the academic year.
  - b. There is no minimum length to the monthly report.
  - c. The report must be dated and signed by the author.
  - d. If there is a student using the Individualized Education Program to report, the campus front office administration or faculty member must give specific details regarding as many details (i.e. student, guardian, length of usage, etc.) on the usage of the Individualized Education Program.
  - e. Monthly reports must be authored and submitted to the public school's campus administration by the final day of each month of the academic year.
  - f. Monthly reports by both educational faculty and campus front office administration must be submitted to the Texas Education Agency by the public school's administration within fifteen (15) days of the last submitted report by a faculty member or member of the campus front office administrator.
- F. Private schools operating within the State of Texas may abide by the above provisions only if they choose to do so.
  - a. Campus front office shall not be required to offer monthly reports regarding these exempt spaces.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. Public schools who do not act upon submitted monthly reports and/or continue to allow the usage of Individualized Education Programs within their campus shall receive the following punishments:
  - a. On the first offense, the institution shall be given a warning.
  - b. On the second offense, the institution shall be fined \$5,000.
  - c. On the third offense, the institution shall be fined \$5,000.
  - d. On the fourth and later offenses, the institution shall be fined \$10,000.
- B. Parents and/or guardians continuing to support their child's usage of Individualized Education Programs shall receive the following punishments:
  - a. On the first offense, the parent and/or guardian shall be given a warning.

- b. On the second offense, the parent and/or guardian will be fined \$500.
- c. On the third offense, the parent and/or guardian shall be fined \$1,000.
  - i. If the parent and/or guardian(s) involved in the offense continue to ignore the provisions above, the public school shall also be required to interview the guardian in question as they fit to understand their motives in violating the above provisions.
    - 1. The interview must be logged within 7 days of the interview's incidence.
- C. Individual educational faculty members and/or campus office administrators in the Texas public schools who do not submit monthly reports, continue to support the usage of Individualized Education Programs, and/or ignore the demands of the public school campus to prohibit the Individualized Education Programs shall receive the following punishments:
  - a. On the first offense, the individual(s) shall be given a warning.
  - b. On the second offense, the individual(s) shall be fined \$1000.
  - c. On the third offense and any later offenses, the individual(s) shall be fined \$2,500.
    - i. If the individual(s) involved in the offense are educating members of the faculty such as teachers, the public school shall also be required to interview the educator in question as they fit to understand their motives in violating the above provisions.
      - 1. The interview must be logged within 7 days of the interview's incidence.
- D. Other than the above penalties for parents, students using the Individualized Education Program, shall receive the following punishments:
  - a. On the first offense, the individual(s) involved shall be given a warning.
  - b. On the second offense, the individual(s) shall be suspended from the public school for a day.
  - c. On the third and any later offenses, the individual(s) shall be suspended from the school for 3 days.
- E. If both the college/university, parent(s)/guardian(s), students, and/or the faculty member(s) fail to follow the provisions, they will be punished as outlined above, depending on the offense.
- F. The above penalties shall only apply to public schools within the State of Texas.

#### Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect June 30, 2019.

#### Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

#### Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

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#### Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

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Author: Morgan Pace YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas Grade: 11

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring that voting registration is extended to Election Day in primary, general, and local elections and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Primary election- A preliminary election to appoint delegates to a party conference.
- B. General election- A regular election of candidates for office.
- C. Local election- A local election takes place to select office-holders in local government.
- D. Voting registration-The requirement of citizens to become registered in order to vote.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. In the next election voters will be informed about the extra days available to register via email.
- B. Polling place operations or set up will change.
- C. Voters will be informed that the last you can register in person will be at the election administrator's office any time before the election; however, any voter who registers after noon on the day before or on Election Day must appear at the county election office in order to vote.
- D. If a polling place is penalized, volunteers will be moved to a different polling place using the funding from the one they came from.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. If a polling place is found non-compliant they will no longer be allowed to operate.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

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Author: Lyric Johnson YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas Grade: 11th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating that all public schools in Texas teach an age-appropriate annual sexual abuse curriculum and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Sexual abuse – undesired sexual behavior by one person upon another. It is often perpetrated using force or by taking advantage of another.

Texas Department of Health and Human Services- provides state-operated health care services, including hospitals, health centers, and health agencies.

Public Schools- a school supported by public funds.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. This act shall require that all public high schools and middle schools (7 – 12) teach a sexual abuse class.

B. Teachers will go through an extensive training by the Texas department of Health and Human Services on sexual abuse.

C. It will be a one-semester class.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

1. Any public school that does not teach this class will be fined \$500.

2. Any public school that does not teach this class will be fined \$1,500.

3. Any public school that does not teach this class will be fined 5% of their funding.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect at the start of the following school year (2019 – 2020) after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Arnav Myana **YMCA Delegation:** Centennial High School

**YMCA:** Plano Family **City:** Frisco **Grade:** 10

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**A Bill to be Entitled An Act**

An act allowing disproven fathers who have acknowledged a wrongful kin in writing to retract their statement past the current guidelines and declaring an emergency.

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Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

a. A. Disproven fathers- Fathers who have taken a paternity test and declared that they were the father of a baby which it later turned out that they weren't the father.

B. Acknowledged- Stating on the Birth Certificate that you have had relations leading to the child

C. Wrongful kin- The son or daughter isn't his but rather some other man's child that the mother had sexual relations

D. Writing- In the birth certificate

E. Retract- Consider the original parent child statement null and void

F. Current Guidelines- The father only has the first month to determine whether the child is his after that date he cannot retract his statement

G. Paternal- Relating to the Father

H. Maternal- Relating to the mother

I. Marital- Relating to the mother

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**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

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A. Fathers will be allowed an unlimited time when deciding to retract their statement

B. Fathers will be allowed to ask for a paternity test

C. If a father retracts his statement he mustn't need to pay for child support

D. The mother cannot force the father to pay racked up child support fees as this is a retroactive decision

E. The original father will be forced to pay the fees

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**Section III. PENALTIES:**

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A. The mother cannot ask for fees to be paid and the father does not have to contact her

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B. The real father will be fined \$200 for every month he is not recognized as the real father

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**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

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This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019

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20. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the  
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An act declaring the process of manipulating voting districts (gerrymandering) unlawful and declaring an emergency.

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Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

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Gerrymandering is the process of voting districts being manipulated to group certain minorities together or to simply obtain a desired result in elections.

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**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

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In regards to redistricting, there should be established a bipartisan committee whose sole purpose would be to organize the voting districts in a fair and non-discriminatory way. This committee will be made up of senators and congressmen, and will be voted on by the people of Texas every 4 years coinciding with the presidential election. An equal number of representatives from each party shall be in the committee.

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**Section III. PENALTIES:**

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Anyone who is found guilty of the act of gerrymandering shall be removed from all government positions that they currently hold and shall be barred from holding any government office in the future.

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30. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

31. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of  
the Youth Legislature.

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**Author:** Michael Brown **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA. **City:** Dallas. **Grade:** 12<sup>th</sup>

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

An act to regulate the marketing of the pharmaceutical industry to physicians and research journals and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

- A. **Pharmaceutical industry:** The pharmaceutical industry discovers, develops, produces, and markets drugs or pharmaceutical drugs for use as medications.
- B. **Physician:** A person qualified to practice medicine.
- C. **Prescription:** an instruction written by a medical practitioner that authorizes a patient to be provided a medicine or treatment.

Section II. PROVISIONS:

- A. Physicians who are subjected to consultation must detail every part of the consultation and provide it to their supervisor.
- B. Physicians providers who are offered money by pharmaceutical companies in exchange for recommendations of their product will be forced to refuse any type of exchange.
- C. Physicians cannot accept any form of a free-meal given by a pharmaceutical company over ten dollars, and the exchange must be detailed and given to their supervisor as well.
- D. Physicians must take account of all drugs they recommend and prescribe to their patients and provide that information to their supervisor
- E. All Physicians must input any payment given to them in the Open Payments database.
- F. A representative from the Texas Health and Human Services (HHSC) will conduct an inspection on the aforementioned provisions every three months (every quarter).

Section III. PENALTIES:

- A. **1<sup>st</sup> offense:** Any Physician who doesn't adhere to the provisions of this bill after the will receive a warning.
- B. **2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** Any Physician who doesn't adhere to the provisions of this bill will have their license suspended for 3 months.
- C. **3<sup>rd</sup> offense:** Any Physician who does not adhere to the provisions of this bill will have their license suspended for 6 months.
- D. **4<sup>th</sup> offense:** Any Physician who does not adhere to the provisions of this bill will lose their license.
- E. Any hospital that does not enforce the standards stated in the provisions to their doctors will receive a warning as the first and second offense, 6-month suspension of all operations after third offense, and termination of all operations after fourth offense.

Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect 1 year (365 days) after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Catherine Tong  
YMCA: Plano

YMCA Delegation: Liberty High School  
City: Plano Grade:10th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

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4. An act to place a fee on every plastic bag used after shopping and declaring an  
5. emergency.  
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8. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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10 Section I. DEFINITIONS:

- 11 A. Fee-a payment made to a professional person or to a professional or public  
12 body in exchange for advice or service.  
13 B. Plastic bag-a type of container made of thin, flexible, plastic film, nonwoven  
14 fabric, or plastic textile.  
15 C. Plastic-a synthetic material made from a wide range of organic polymers such  
16 as polyethylene, PVC, nylon, etc., that can be molded into shape while soft  
17 and then set into a rigid or slightly elastic form.  
18 D. Shopping-the action or activity of purchasing goods from stores.

19 Section II. PROVISIONS:

- 20 A. All customers at a shopping center must pay 10 cents for every plastic bag  
21 they take.  
22 B. Store staff members are required to watch over the area with plastic bags to  
23 help prevent stealing.  
24 C. Customers unable to pay for fee for taking plastic bags shown in penalties A  
25 can take an online course on environmental safety.  
26 D. All customers at a shopping center must pay 20 cents after using the first five  
27 bags every time they shop.  
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29 Section III. PENALTIES:

- 30 A. Any customer that attempts to take plastics bags without paying the fee will  
31 be fined \$200.  
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34 Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

35 This act shall take effect one-hundred twenty (120) days after the adjournment of  
36 the Youth Legislature.  
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38 Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

39 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent  
40 of the conflict.  
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42 Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

43 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the  
44 Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.  
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46 Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

47 The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both  
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49 constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Dayriana Robinson. YMCA Delegation: Duncanville high school.  
YMCA: Oak Cliff. City: Dallas Tx. Grade: 9th

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act mandating that that all police trainings in Texas be the same length of time and declaring an emergency.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Mandating: an official order or commission to do something.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

This bill shall require every police training to be the same duration

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

If any police academy fails to adhere to the following requirements, they will be fined.

1. payment of \$200
2. payment of \$400
3. Removed from the academy.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

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Last Name \_ First Name \_ School \_ District (e.g. Smith \_ John \_ AustinHigh \_ Austin)**

Author: Maurya Gouni YMCA Delegation: IIANT  
YMCA: McKinney YMCA. City: McKinney, Tx Grade: 11.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An mandating that employees are notified of their severance two weeks prior to the aforementioned event and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Severance- the release of an employee from their employment

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. If the employee in question has committed a crime of Class A misdemeanor or higher, he or she may be removed from their position without notice.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

First Penalty: A fine of \$1,500

Second Penalty: A fine of \$5,000

Third Penalty: A maximum of 2 years of imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000

All following penalties will be up to the judge's discretion (Must exceed third penalty)

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Zander Knight YMCA Delegation: The Episcopal School of Dallas  
YMCA: Town North YMCA. City: Dallas. HB/FSB/Hyde/DSB/HJR/SJR/DJYG

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## **A BILL**

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4. An act transferring 1.718 billion dollars to the education department  
5. and the public school system, to be used for recruitment of new  
6. teachers and/or adding additional classrooms in high schools and  
7. declaring an emergency.

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Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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10. Section I. DEFINITIONS:

11. Education department - Known as the TEA (Texas Education  
12. Agency), in charge of all primary and secondary education in the  
13. state of Texas

13. High School - Any school grades nine (9) through twelve (12), also  
14. known as secondary school

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Section II. PROVISIONS:

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16. To divert funding from medicaid by raising the requirements from age  
17. 65 to age 70 to the Texas Education System, to be utilized for the  
18. addition of classrooms and/or the addition of teachers, to be  
19. approved on a case by case basis by the TEA.

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19. Section III. PENALTIES:

20. For when any school is discovered to have not handled funds  
21. appropriately (note that if the administration is terminated, penalties  
22. restart):

22. 1st offense: \$10,000 fine to the school's administration responsible,

23. and an investigation is to be launched by the TEA into the cause of  
the mishandling of funds, with a one (1) month period allowed to  
allocate funds properly before next punishment.
- 24.
25. 2nd offense: \$10,000 fine to the school's administration responsible,  
and the administration will be placed on unpaid leave until a  
thorough investigation is completed, with a one (1) month period  
26. allowed to allocate funds properly before next punishment.
27. 3rd offense: \$10,000 fine to the school's administration, with all  
administrators responsible being terminated immediately.
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#### Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

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31. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of  
the Youth Legislature.

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#### 33. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

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to the extent of the conflict.

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**Shivani Amara**

1. An act prohibiting the sentencing of any person to life in prison without chance of parole
2. declaring an emergency.
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5. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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7. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
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9. Correctional Facility - a term used to refer to a jail, prison, or other place of incarceration
10. by government officials

11. Judgeship - a public officer authorized to hear and decide cases in a court of law
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14. Section II. PROVISIONS:
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16. (A) This bill shall not allow any person to be sentence to life in a correctional facility
17. without chance of parole

18. Section III. PENALTIES:

19. 1. Any judge that has sentenced someone to life without chance of parole will have
20. their judgeship taken away and be removed from their position
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23. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
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25. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
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27. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

28. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the
29. conflict.
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34. Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.
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Author: Jaylen Lee YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High school  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas. Grade: 10th

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act requiring juries in police brutality and murder trials to be made up of at least 50% minorities when the victim is a minority and declaring an emergency.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Minority**—a relatively small group of people, especially one commonly discriminated against in a community, society, or nation, differing from others in race, religion, language, or political persuasion.

**Police brutality**- the use of excessive and/or unnecessary force by police when dealing with civilians. "Excessive force" being a force well beyond what would be necessary in order to handle a situation.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- (A) This act shall require juries in police brutality and murder trials to be made up of at least 50% minority.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

Seeing that the judicial system is a branch of the government, they will be required to follow this act after it is passed.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature. (You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Aahan Kerawala   **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of NT  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA   **City:** McKinney   **Grade:**12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating a mental status exam (MSE) to be taken 30 days before purchasing a gun at a gun show and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

MSE - psychological equivalent of a physical exam that describes the mental state and behaviors of the person being seen. It includes both objective observations of the clinician and subjective descriptions given by the patient.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. The consumer attempting to buy the gun should show the doctor's diagnosis to the seller.
- B. The seller should then verify the authenticity of the note and keep record of the diagnosis by the doctor
- C. If the consumer does not have a valid MSE then the seller should not sell the gun to the consumer.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- First Offense: \$2,500 fine to the seller
- Second Offense: \$5,000 fine to the seller
- Third Offense: Seller unable to sell guns for 2 years and 6 months of jail time.
- Fourth Offense: Every repeating offense leads to the third offense with increasing jail time.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

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Author: Axcel Sanchez YMCA Delegation: oak cliff YMCA  
YMCA: Enter YMCA. City: Enter City of Residence. Grade: Enter Grade.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act making it illegal for protesters to conceal their identity and declaring an emergency.**

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:** Conceal identity definition: a covering for all or part of the face, worn to conceal one's identity

Civil forfeiture definition: a legal process in which law enforcement officers take assets or property from person or a group of persons suspected of involvement with crime or illegal activity

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. Hijabs, and other religious garments are exempt but police will need to check if they have any weapons.
- B. Police officers in protests would be able to force people to make people take off anything that's concealing their identity with civil forfeiture, if the offender of the crime or owner of the property demands his property back he will need to prove that it was not involved in a crime or offense
- C. Police officers would give three chances for the crowd to take of anything that's concealing their identity
- D. The first chance the police will give the group of protesters 20 minutes for them to take off anything that's concealing their identity. If they do not comply the police will give the group of protesters 10 minutes to take anything concealing your identity, the third warning will result in confiscation of the property that is concealing your face and will lead to arrest if the offender assaults the police officer

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. The first offense will result in the civil forfeiture in which what's concealing your identity will be seized
- B. The second offense will result in you being fined \$200 dollars if you are repeating the offense.
- C. The third offense if are caught repeating the same offense or crime the third time you will be fined a \$2,000 dollar fine



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

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D. If the offender does not pay his fines for his criminal offense he will be put in prison for up to 180 days

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



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**Author:** Connor Flynn **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School.  
**YMCA:**McKinney **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 12<sup>th</sup>

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act act banning tackle football leagues until 6th grade in the State of Texas and declaring an emergency

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A: Tackle football: a version of American football where the players wear pads and are allowed to tackle other players.

B: Sports association: a group of teams that play specific sports.

C: Privately-owned association: a sports association not run or operated by the city.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A: This bill is designed to prevent serious concussions and other injuries that could cause complications during the child’s physical and mental growth and development.

B:This bans the formation of tackle football leagues with players younger than 6<sup>th</sup> grade within city-funded, and privately-owned sports associations including non-profits.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: The association will be fined \$25,000.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: The association will be fined \$50,000.

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: The association will be fined \$100,000 and their license to operate would be revoked.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect August 1, 2019.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

Author: Gabriel Letcher YMCA Delegation: The Episcopal School of Dallas  
YMCA: Town North YMCA. City: Dallas. HB/FSB/Hyde/DSB/HJR/SJR/DJYG

1. **A BILL**
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4. An act enabling an innocent person accused of rape to charge the accuser with "False Accusation" and Defamation of Character.
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6. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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8. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
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10. Rape: "The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the
11. consent of the victim."
12. Defamation of character: when someone makes a false statement to injure another person's reputation or imply the person has bad character. Including libel, in which
13. such statements are written, and slander, in which such statements are spoken.
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15. Section II. PROVISIONS:
16. This bill enables an innocent person accused of rape the right to accuse the plaintiff with false accusation and defamation of character.
17. When the accuser is found to falsely accuse the accused of rape, they would serve
18. the same amount of time the accused would have served if found guilty.
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20. Section III. PENALTIES:
21. N/A
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24. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

25. This act shall take effect one hundred (100) days after the adjournment of the Youth  
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37. suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.

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**Author:** Pranav Myana **YMCA Delegation:** Centennial High School.  
**YMCA:** Plano Family YMCA **City:** Frisco **Grade:** 10th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to reform sexual education in the state of Texas and discontinue abstinence only programs, and start teaching about contraception and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Sexual Education: The teaching and learning of topics of sex and sexuality to help individuals make educated decisions concerning sex and their sexual health.
- B. Abstinence: The choice to not have sexual contact/relations until marriage.
- C. Contraception: The intentional prevention of impregnation through sexual intercourse by the use artificial methods/techniques, such as condoms.
- D. Planned Parenthood: A nonprofit foundation that provides reproductive health care And does research and gives advice on contraception, family planning, and Reproductive problems. It is the largest provider of sexual education in the United States, and reaches over 1.5 million people annually.
- E. Reproduction: The production of offspring by a sexual process.
- F. Puberty: The period of time in which adolescents become sexually mature and Capable of reproduction.
- G. Sexual Orientation: A person's sexual identity; the pattern of romantic or sexual Orientation to the same, different, or multiple genders.
- H. Gender Identity: A person's sense of their own gender
- I. Intimate Relationship: Interpersonal relationship that involves physical or emotional Intimacy
- J. Physical Intimacy: Sensual/sexual activity, and the sharing of the thoughts, Reactions, and emotions that come with it.
- K. Sexual Health: The state of physical, mental, and social well-being relating to Sexuality.
- L. Reproductive health: Concerns the diseases, disorders, and conditions that affect the Functions of a person's reproductive system throughout all stages of life.
- M. Sexually Transmitted Disease(STD)/Sexually Transmitted Infection(STI): An infection That you can get by having sex

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. Sexual education will be required to be included in school curriculum.
- B. Sexual education will not be abstinence only and all facts presented have to be Accurate.
- C. Contraception should be included and emphasized in sexual education.
- D. Accurate information about STDs and STIs and how to avoid them should be Presented.
- E. Educators should be well trained and qualified to teach sexual education.
- F. Schools should produce a presentation following all of the guidelines above, and it Will be reviewed by the state.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

46. A. Public schools will have their funding cut 5% for the next 6 months on the first  
47. Offense, 12 months on the second offense, and 18 months on the 3rd offense.  
48. If the offenses continue, the funding will be increased by 5% and the cycle will  
49. Restart (12 months, 18 months, 24 months).  
50. B. Private schools will be fined \$5,000 on the first offense, \$10,000 on the second  
51. And \$20,000 on the 3rd offense. The fine will increase by increments of \$10,000  
52. For each consecutive offense.

53. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

54. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019  
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56. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

57. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the  
58. conflict.  
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60. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

61. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature  
62. that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.  
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64. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

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66. create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring  
67. bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby  
68. suspended.

Author: Ananda Ghoshal  
YMCA: Plano

YMCA Delegation: Liberty High School  
City: Plano Grade: 10

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

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4. An act to increase government subsidies and tax incentives to make solar power more affordable and
5. declaring an emergency.
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7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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10. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
11. A. Subsidies: an investment of money made by the government or public body to assist an industry
12. or business so that the price of a commodity or service may remain low and affordable.
13. B. Affordable: inexpensive or reasonably priced.
14. C. Incentive: a payment or concession to stimulate greater output or investment by reducing the
15. amount of tax that people pay in-order-to assist society.
16. D. Expenditures: the action of spending funds.
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18. Section II. PROVISIONS:
19. A. A household income of at least a \$90,000 yearly salary in total must pay an additional tax of
20. 10% to accommodate for lower-income families of less than \$50,000 yearly salary in total who
21. are required to pay an additional tax of 5%.
22. B. A taxpayer may claim a credit of 40% of qualified incentives and expenditures for solar panels
23. C. Expenditures include: labor costs for on-site preparation, assembly or original system, and for
24. the interconnection of a solar panel system to the home.
25. D. If a city has a high solar power ranking, the people may receive extra incentives such as cash
26. back, property tax exemption, waived fees and expedited permits (reducing developer costs).
27. E. Factors of a solar power ranking include: overall grade, renewable portfolio status (increased
28. production of power), solar carve out (electricity generation), electricity price, net metering,
29. interconnection, solar rebates, tax credits, performance payments, sales tax exemption, property
30. tax exemption.
31. F. Raise government subsidies by lowering the pricing of solar energy from \$.10-\$.88 kWh to \$.05-
32. \$.20 to set it equal to other sources of energy such as coal and nuclear.
33. G. The government will make yearly checks to make sure all money is being used correctly and the
34. use of the 40% tax credit is not being misused.
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36. Section III. PENALTIES:
37. A. If a taxpayer claims the credit of the 40% that has been apportioned for the installation of solar
38. energy for their own personal use, they shall pay the government 1/6 of the normal cost of solar
39. panel installation according to the brand.
40. B. If a high-income household does not yield to the tax incentive, this will be considered as a valid
41. reason for the IRS to charge with a failure-to-pay penalty and follow standard procedure (Penalty
42. is .5% of unpaid tax for each month not paid, up to 25%. In addition, interest is also owed on
43. that amount).
44. C. Failure to provide valid information on the state of income of household will result in government
45. action including a fine of \$30,000.
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47. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
48. This act shall take effect 180 days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
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50. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
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**Author:** Brandon Carroll   **YMCA Delegation:** Wylie East High School  
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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act that makes all licensed motorcyclists wear a helmet at all times and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

Helmet- anything labeled as protective headgear

Section II. PROVISIONS:

Everyone who owns a motorcycle license in the state of Texas shall have a helmet on at all times while on the motorcycle.

Section III. PENALTIES:

1st offense- warning

2nd offense- \$100 fine

3rd offense- \$350 fine

4th offense- \$700, 30 days jail time

Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

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Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

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Author: Emma Balfay YMCA Delegation: McKinney  
YMCA: McKinney. City: Dallas. Grade: 9th

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring every business in Texas to have a minimum of 12 weeks paid parental leave for their full-time employees and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Parental leave: an employee benefit in which a mother/father can take time off from work to take care of his or her child or for pregnancy-related health issues. Includes new parents of biological, adoptive, or foster children; as in the FMLA act.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. The parent will receive 75% of their normal salary during their leave period.
- B. Employees on hourly pay will be paid 75% of their salary for 32 hours per week.
- C. If the employee does not want to take the leave, he or she will not be forced to.
- D. The companies will be inspected once a year by the Texas Work Force Commission.
- E. If an employee of a company reports that they are being denied their leave, the Texas Work Force Commission will investigate the company.
- F. Under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the twelve weeks of unpaid leave already required does not have to be taken all at once; this will remain the same for this bill.
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### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

- 1. 1st Offense: If the company is found to not be giving employees parental leave, they will be fined 3% of their yearly income.
- 2. 2nd Offense: If the company is found to not be giving employees parental leave, they will be fined 5% of their yearly income.
- 3. 3rd Offense: If the company is found to not be giving employees parental leave, they will be fined 7% of their yearly income.
- 4. 4th Offense: Every time the company is found to not be giving employees parental leave, they will be fined 3% more of their yearly income from their last fine.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect one hundred eighty (180) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring a background checks for all gun buyers in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

4473 form: Firearms Transaction Record

Firearm: A rifle, pistol, or other portable gun.

Background Check: The process of looking up and compiling criminal records, commercial records, and financial records of a individual.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A) This bill is an act requiring a background check for all gun buyers in the state of Texas.

B) Individuals must fill out a 4473 form ( Firearms Transaction Record ) before the purchase.

C) For any person who does not meet the qualifications they will be denied for the transaction of the gun(s)

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

First Defence: A \$1,000 fine will be given to the retailer of the firearm.

Second Defence: The retailer of the firearm will be required to spend 30 days in county jail.

Third Defence: The retailer will have the license to sell firearms revoked

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

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1 Author: Kevin Stockton YMCA Delegation: DHS  
2 YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas Grade: 9th

3 **A BILL**  
4 **TO BE ENTITLED**

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6 An act admitting Esports into the UIL and declaring an emergency.

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8 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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10 Section I. DEFINITIONS: Esports; A multiplayer video game played competitively for  
11 spectators, by professional gamers. UIL; University Interscholastic League.

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13 Section II. PROVISIONS:

- 14 a) Students who are participating in the Esports team at their school have to abide by the  
15 same rules as other athletes such as keeping a grade average above 80% and following  
16 school rules.  
17 b) The management of the Esports teams in the school will be managed by managers who  
18 are professional in the field of Esports competitive rules and competitions.  
19 c) All funds raised by the competitions will be used to aid the schools who have a horrible  
20 school rating and a 15% of the money to the winners of the competitions.

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22 Section III. PENALTIES:

- 23 I. Students who are caught breaking the Esports rules shall be banned from playing any  
24 Esports competitions for 3 years and will be removed from the team.  
25 II. Schools that don't in act this bill shall receive a fine of \$10,000 every three months  
26 until they act upon this bill.  
27 III. If any of the schools teams shall promote breaking Esports rules the school's team will  
28 be banned from competitions for 5 years and receive a fine of \$10,000.

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

1 Author: Ally Fowler YMCA Delegation: McKinney Boyd High School  
2 YMCA: McKinney YMCA City: Dallas Grade: 12  
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4 A BILL  
5 TO BE ENTITLED  
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7 An act amending the procedure for organ donation and declaring an emergency.  
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9 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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11 Section I. DEFINITIONS:

- 12 a. Organ Donation: To donate part or all of the body by stating intentions in a permanent  
13 document.  
14 b. DMV: The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is a state-level government agency that  
15 administers vehicle registration and driver licensing.  
16 c. DPS: The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is a department of the government  
17 of the state of Texas. DPS is responsible for statewide law enforcement and vehicle  
18 registration.  
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20 Section II. PROVISIONS:

- 21 a. The organ donation procedure will change from an opt-in to an opt-out system.  
22 b. When a child is born, they will automatically become registered as an organ donor on  
23 their birth certificate unless the parents or legal guardians state otherwise.  
24 c. When the child receives a permit, license, or ID card, they will continue to be registered  
25 unless they state otherwise.  
26 d. Anyone over 18 will be automatically registered when their license is renewed unless  
27 they state otherwise.  
28 e. At the time of death, unless stated otherwise on documentation, the default is organ  
29 donation.  
30 f. The organization will be required to notify the individual that they can opt-out.  
31 g. The Driver's Education course curriculum (at home or with an organization) concerning  
32 organ donation will be updated and comprehensive.  
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34 Section III. PENALTIES:

35 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: A warning to the organization (example organizations: DMV, DPS).

36 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: 1% cut of funding from the state to the organization that did not automatically  
37 register the individual if they did not state otherwise.

38 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: 5% cut of funding from the state under the same conditions.

39 Repeating offenses: Additional 10% cut of funding from the state under the same conditions.  
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41 Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

42 This act shall take effect one hundred and eighty (180) days after the adjournment of the  
43 Youth Legislature.  
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TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT

**Author:** Celeste Knowles **YMCA Delegation:** Wylie East High School,  
**YMCA:** J.E.R. Chilton **City:** Wylie **Grade:** Twelfth

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act regarding incentivized voting in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Voting in this bill refers to each time one goes to the polls, not each individual vote.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. There shall be a voter tax credit implemented. For every time a person votes in the state of Texas they shall get a fifty dollar tax credit.

**Section III. PENALTIES**

A. There are no penalties for this bill.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all public high school students to become CPR certified at least once before graduating the 12th grade in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Public high school students- students currently in grade 9 to 12 enrolled in public high school
- B. CPR- cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is the manual application of chest compressions and ventilations to patients in cardiac arrest, done in an effort to maintain viability until advanced help arrives
- C. CPR certified- completing the CPR curriculum and passing the written and skills based exam under one of the CPR provider's approved CPR supervisors and obtaining evidence such as but not limited to a documented certification license that displays mastery of the CPR curriculum

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- 1. The CPR certification program will be implemented into the curriculum of the school district's "Health" or "Physical Education (PE)" related course.
- 2. It is up to the school district's discretion whether to have the CPR certification program taught in a Health or PE related course and when in the courses' duration to incorporate it.
- 3. It is up to the school district's discretion to select a CPR company or provider.
- 4. The CPR company or provider must supply an approved CPR supervisor to teach the curriculum to the students and operate the certification exam.
- 5. The cost of the CPR certification program's service will be divided equally among the students participating in the program and it will be added onto the original certification exam fee.
- 6. Students from low income families that cannot afford the fee will be covered by the school district's budget.
- 7. School districts that do not have an adequate amount of funding and are also located in a heavily low income demographic can receive financial accommodation for the CPR certification program.
- 8. It is up to the student's discretion to decide what year of his/her high school career to take the course that offers the CPR certification program.
- 9. Students that have obtained credit for Health in the 8th grade must take a PE related course in high school to complete the CPR certification program.
- 10. Students that have obtained an online Health or PE related course credit must attend a separate, off campus CPR training program and must be able to provide evidence of completion.
- 11. New or transferred 12th grade students that arrive after the curriculum is taught will be exempted from participating in the CPR certification program.
- 12. Students that have a documented physical or mental disability can be exempted from participating in the CPR certification program with a guardian and physician's note.
- 13. Students can choose whether or not to become recertified when his/her certification expires, but must apply for recertification outside of school.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- 1. Public high schools that do not offer a CPR certification program in a Health or PE related course will have their state funding cut by 10% annually.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect at the beginning of the next school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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4. An act requiring police officers to be a elementary school campus during the school day
5. declaring an emergency.
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7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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9. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
10. Police officer- a member of a police force
11. Elementary School- a school us all including the first four to eight grades and often
12. kindergarten
13. Campus- the grounds of a building, university or school.
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15. Section II. PROVISIONS:
16. A. Having police officers on elementary school campus during the day can help
17. increase the safety of the school. This will allow elementary schools to be safer
18. during the school day.
19. B. This will also allow a faster response to danger since a cop will be closer by.
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22. Section III. PENALTIES: To the district:
23. 1st offense: warning
24. 2nd offense: 1% of funding taken away
25. 3rd offense: 2% of funding is taken away
26. 4th offense: percent of funding will increase every month until they district takes action
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29. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
30. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
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Author: Shrika Guda  
YMCA: Plano

YMCA Delegation: Liberty High School  
City: Plano Grade:

**A BILL  
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4. An act to criminalize smoking in any vehicle in which minors are present and declaring an emergency.
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6. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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9. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
10. A. Smoking - to inhale, exhale, burn or carry a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, weed, plant, regulated
11. narcotic or other combustible substance.
12. B. Vaping - Inhaling and exhaling the aerosol which is produced by an electronic cigarette,
13. vaporizer, or similar device.
14. C. Minors - Any and all persons under the age of 18.
15. D. Secondary Offense - The issuing of a citation upon the issuing and further inspection of a
16. legitimate primary offense effect.
17. E. Class C Traffic Violation - The lowest class of misdemeanor in Texas which is a concern of public
18. safety to others on the road.
19. F. Identification - Any form of proof of identity with a credible date of birth.
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21. Section II. PROVISIONS:
22. A. This ban shall be implemented to all drivers as a means of protection towards minors of the state
23. from deadly second hand smoke exposure.
24. B. Adults shall be banned from smoking or vaping cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, or any form of
25. tobacco that produces smoke or releases aerosol, in the presence of minors.
26. C. A police officer or authorized person may *not* enforce this provision by pulling the vehicle over
27. *solely* on suspicion of this violation, but may cite this as a secondary offense and treat it as one,
28. after the primary offense was issued. The driver may receive a citation for this violation only
29. after they have been pulled over for a secondary offense, by the officer's clear and unobstructed
30. view of a person smoking, as prohibited.
31. D. Officers may not inspect or search the car, contents, or persons of the car, solely because of this
32. violation.
33. E. Once pulled over, officers must verify ages of all persons in the vehicle through requesting and
34. verifying identification, license, or passports, to verify that there are no minors in the vehicle.
- 35.
36. Section III. PENALTIES:
37. A. The below penalties apply to any and all smokers in the vehicle.
38. B. First-time violators shall be subject to a citation and fine of up to \$100 regardless of whether the
39. windows are closed or open.
40. C. A second or subsequent violation is a Class C traffic violation and shall be fined up to \$500.
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42. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:
43. This act shall take effect the next school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.
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45. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:
46. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.
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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Alexandra Ulloa YMCA Delegation: DHS  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas Grade: 9th

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act mandating marriage counseling before a divorce and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Marriage counseling: A type of psychotherapy for married couples or established couples that tries to resolve problems in the relationship.

Divorce: The legal dissolution of marriage with someone.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A) All legally married couples who are about to go through a divorce, will have to attend 4 weeks of marriage counseling, it must be 2 days per week at the least.

B) If children are involved in that family, the couple must attend 7 weeks of counseling at the minimum.

C) Children may attend the counseling if necessary.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

a) A couple will be allowed to get the divorce without the marriage counseling, but will be given a 300\$ fine each.

b) If the couple fails to attend the directed amount of weeks or days, or doesn't pay the fine, they will not be allowed to get the divorce.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act taxing companies on the use of styrofoam cups or paper cups with a wax coating as opposed to paper cups and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Large Businesses - Any business that has over 50 million dollars in annual net profits.
- B. Medium-sized Businesses - Any business that is in between 10 million and 50 million dollars in annual net profits per year.
- C. Small Businesses - Any business that has under 10 million dollars in net profits per year.
- D. Styrofoam Cups - Any cups made with expanded polystyrene plastic.
- E. Paper Cups With a Wax Coating - Any cups made with biodegradable paper, yet still have a polyethylene plastic coating, which is the lustrous coating on many biodegradable paper cups.
- F. Paper Cups - Any cup made primarily with biodegradable paper, that does not include a polyethylene coating on it.
- G. Annual Net Profits - The revenue that the business earns in a year subtracted by the expenses of the business in a year.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. All businesses in the state of Texas will be required to switch to paper cups that do not have a polyethylene coating on them
- B. Small businesses in the state of Texas that use any styrofoam cups will be required to pay a 5 percent tax on their annual net profits. Small businesses that use any paper cups lined with wax will be required to pay a 3 percent tax on their annual net profits.
- C. Medium businesses in the state of Texas that use any styrofoam cups will be required to pay a 10 percent tax on their annual net profits. Medium businesses that use any paper cups lined with wax will be required to pay a 7 percent tax on their annual net profits.
- D. Large businesses in the state of Texas that use any styrofoam cups will be required to pay a 20 percent tax on their annual net profits. Large businesses that use any paper cups lined with wax will be required to pay a 15 percent tax on their annual net profits.
- E. Safety inspectors will be required to identify the type of cups the business is using, and if any styrofoam or paper cups lined with wax are found, the penalties will be enforced. These penalties will until the safety inspector finds that there



48 are no styrofoam or paper cups lined with wax being used in the business.

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50 Section III. PENALTIES:

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52 All businesses that violate the provisions above will be subject to the following  
53 punishments:

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55 A. For the first offense, small businesses in the State of Texas will be required to  
56 pay a fine of 15,000 dollars. Medium and large businesses will be required to pay  
57 an additional 10 percent tax on their annual net profits for the next one year.

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59 B. For the second offense, small businesses in the State of Texas will be required  
60 to pay an additional 20 percent tax on their annual net profits. Medium and large  
61 businesses will be required to pay an additional 30 percent tax on their annual  
62 net profits for the next one year.

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64 C. For the third and later offenses, small businesses in the State of Texas will be  
65 required to pay an additional 40 percent tax on their annual net profits as well as  
66 a \$20,000 fine. Medium and large businesses will be required to pay an  
67 additional 45 percent of their annual net profits as well as a 60,000 dollar fine.

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69 Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

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70 This act shall take effect in the next fiscal year after the adjournment of the Youth

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2. **Author:** Nathaniel Lambert  
3. **YMCA:** McKinney YMCA

**City:** McKinney

**YMCA Delegation:** IIANT  
**Grade:** 11th Grade

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6. **A BILL**  
7. **TO BE ENTITLED**  
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9. An act requiring physicians to see legal photo identification to perform medical services and  
10. declaring an emergency.

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12. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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14. Section I. DEFINITIONS:

15. **Physician:** a person qualified to practice medicine

16. **Accepted Legal Photo Identification:** Driver's License/Permit, Passport/Card, Dept.  
17. of Defense ID  
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19. Section II. PROVISIONS:

20. A. This bill will make it so that in order to receive any and all medical services, you must  
21. you must present a legal photo identification card to prove legality as well as identity.  
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23. Section III. PENALTIES:

24. A. First Offense: \$500 fine

25. B. Second Offense: \$1500 Fine

26. C. Third Offense: \$2500 Fine and suspension of practicing license for 30 days

27. D. Fourth Offense: \$10000 Fine and suspension of practicing license for 3 month  
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29. All Physicians will go through a judiciary hearing after each offense to determine whether  
30. it was to save a patient's life or if it was merely out of convenience.  
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32. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

33. This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2020 (01/01/2020), after the adjournment of the  
34. Youth Legislature.  
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36. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

37. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the  
38. conflict.  
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40. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

41. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature  
42. that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.  
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44. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

45. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses  
46. create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring  
47. bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby  
48. suspended.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all motorcyclists to wear helmets/protective headgear and declaring an emergency.

B. This bill will undo Senate Bill 1967 of the 81st Regular Legislative Session.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Helmet/protective headgear- something that protects the head.

Motorcyclists- a person who rides a motorcycle.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. This bill will make every driver including the ones that have taken the motorcycle safety course, to wear a helmet

B. The police will have a electronic license plate recognition program

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Penalty 1: Warning with a sticker that goes on your motorcycle that says you have been warned. Penalty 2: \$250 fine and a checkmark on the sticker. Penalty 3: \$550 fine and another checkmark on the sticker. Penalty 4: Confiscation of motorcycle (you can pay for it back) and a new sticker that has a \$900 fine each time.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.

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Author: Michele Murata YMCA Delegation: Oak Cliff  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Duncanville Grade: 9

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all married couples to have 2 or more children and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Annulment: A legal procedure that cancels a marriage between a man and a woman.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A.) All married couples must have 2 or more children within 10 years of marriage.

B.) Marriage license will undergo annulment otherwise.

C.) Adopted children and conceived children will be counted for.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

A.) Marriage will undergo annulment.

B.) The couple will not be able to remarry unless they have two or more children.

C.) Marriage license will not be renewed. They must remarry

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act Entering adding soda to the list of controlled substances and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Controlled Substance- a drug or chemical whose manufacture, possession, or use is regulated by a government.

Soda- a sweet drink containing carbonated water.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

a. Must be 16 to purchase and consume soda.

b. Soda would be included in Schedule IIIN in the Controlled Substances.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

First offense - Fine of \$50

Second offense - Fine of \$80

Third offense - Fine of \$150 and 15 hours of community service

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.

**Author:** Kanika Kappalayil  
**YMCA:** Plano

**YMCA Delegation:** Liberty High School  
**City:** Frisco **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring that all buildings with AEDs (automated external defibrillators) be required to have signage with dimensions aiding in clear visibility of passerbyers and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. AED (automated external defibrillator): a heart monitor and defibrillator that:
  - a. has received approval from the United States Food and Drug Administration
  - b. is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia and is capable of determining, without interpretation of cardiac rhythm by an operator, whether defibrillation should be performed
  - c. on determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to an individual's heart
- B. Dimensions aiding in clear visibility: a sign that is at least 10 inches in height by 8 inches in width
- C. Clear visibility: a sign that is visible and comprehensible from a distance of at least 25 feet
- D. Passerbyers: individuals passing by AED signage in a building who come in a vicinity of at least 25 feet near the sign

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. All buildings must update their signs to the requirements suggested by the effective date.
- B. Signs with tactile symbols, braille, and other components common to AED signage are permitted on the sign as long as the requirements and standards of the signage are met.
- C. Owners of the building in which the AED resides are responsible for the payment and update of the signs.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. Parties violating the observed requirements for the first time will be fined with \$1,000. After an allotted period of 60 days, signage with the necessary requirements must be present.
- B. If after an allotted period of 60 days the signage with the necessary requirements is still not present, then the violating party will be fined an additional \$1,000 for every 60 days the signage with the necessary requirements is still not present.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect one hundred and eighty (180) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Author:** Malaika Gathuru **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act amending the penalty of the Section 22.01(a)(3) Texas Penal Code, "Assault—Offensive Contact" and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS**

- a. Nonconsensual: not agreed to by one or more of the people involved - not consensual
- b. Class C Misdemeanor: punishable by a fine of up to \$500, there is no jail time for a class C misdemeanor.
- c. Administrative remedy: non judicial remedy provided by an agency, board, commission or any other like organization
- d. Statute of limitations: a statute prescribing a period of limitation for the bringing of certain kinds of legal action

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. Any nonconsensual sexual contact against an adult that does not involve penetration or physical injury is a class C misdemeanor
- B. A class C misdemeanor is punishable by only a fine up to \$500, no prison time, and subject to a two-year statute of limitations
- C. In some cases, there may be administrative remedies, even in the absence of the viable criminal case.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

There are no penalties for this bill.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



1 Author: Sahithi Alla YMCA Delegation: Imagine International Academy of North Texas YMCA:  
2 McKinney. City: McKinney Grade: 9th

3  
4 **A BILL**  
5 **TO BE ENTITLED**  
6

7 An act mandating that all restaurants that do not have a family bathroom must have a baby changing  
8 station in the men's and women's bathroom and declaring an emergency.  
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10 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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12 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- 13 A. Family Bathroom: Provide amenities such as two toilets, and a changing table that can be  
14 used of both genders or one or more members typically family. (American Restroom  
15 Association)  
16 B. Changing Station: a table used for changing a baby's clothes or diapers  
17

18 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- 19 A. A baby changing station of 35 3/16" W x 22 1/4" H x 4" D shall be required in all men and  
20 women bathrooms  
21 B. Restaurants containing family bathrooms shall be exempted  
22 C. Areas where changing stations shall be inserted must meet all fire and safety regulations  
23 D. Changing Stations must be funded by the restaurant  
24 E. Changing stations shall be used to aide guardians of both genders for any urgency posed by  
25 a baby  
26

27 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

- 28 A. First offense; warning plus a fine of \$50  
29 B. Second offense; fine of \$200 (keeps increasing by \$100 and they have 2 weeks to put in an  
30 order)  
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32 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

33 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
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35 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

36 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.  
37

38 **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

39 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the  
40 other portions shall remain in full force and effect.  
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42 **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Author: Arthur Lindh YMCA Delegation: Episcopal School of Dallas  
YMCA: Town North City: Dallas HB/FSB/Hyde/DSB/HJR/SJR/DJYG

1. **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

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3. An act requiring the use of sump pumps in the installation and maintenance of public  
4. water systems in municipalities with populations of 100,000 or more and declaring an  
5. emergency.

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7. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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9. **Section I. DEFINITIONS:** Sump pump— A sump pump is a pump used to remove water  
10. that has accumulated

11. **Municipality:** A city or town that has a corporate status and local government

12. **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality(TCEQ):** Agency that strives to protect  
13. the state's public health and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic  
14. development

15. **Public Water System:** public water system (PWS) is a system for the provision to the  
16. public of water for human consumption through pipes or other regularly serves at  
17. least twenty-five individuals

18.

20. **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

21. The use of Sump pumps will prevent the unnecessary loss of clean water when  
22. installing and repairing public water systems.

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24. **Section III. PENALTIES:**

25. **1st Offense:** Public Water systems will be warned by the Texas Commission on  
26. Environmental Quality to use sump pumps in all water related construction projects.

27. **2nd Offense:** Public water system will be fined \$10,000 by the Texas Commission on  
28. Environmental Quality

29. **3rd:** Public water system will be fined \$20,000 by the Texas Commission on  
30. Environmental Quality.

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32. **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

33. This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth  
34. Legislature.

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36. **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

37. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the  
38. extent of the conflict.

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40. **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

**41. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the 42. Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.**

**43.**

**44. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

**The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.**

**2018-19 Texas Youth & Government**

Author: Jessica Washington YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas Grade: 9th

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring professional sports team holders in Texas to pay an additional 10% of their annual labor cost to a school fund funneling toward teacher salaries and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Professional sports team- sports in which athletes receive payment for their performance.

Annual labor cost- The cost of wages paid to workers during an accounting period on daily, weekly, monthly basis

The Texas Commission on Public School Finance- develops and make recommendations for improvements to the current public school finance system or for new methods of financing public schools.

Exploitation- the fact of making use of a situation to gain unfair advantage for oneself

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- a) Each holder will write a check and send it to "the Texas Commission on Public School Finance" to distribute to teachers
- b) Along with the average salary teachers already earn the amount acquired from the bill will be given as a bonus.
- c) The bonus will be given at the end of the year to prevent the exploitation of this bill

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

1. If the an owner fails to follow the provisions for the 1<sup>st</sup> time they will be fined \$100,000 and be given a warning
2. If the an owner fails to follow the provisions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time an additional 5% will be added to the original 10%
3. If the an owner fails to follow the provisions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time an additional 10% will be added
4. If the an owner fails to follow the provisions for the 4<sup>th</sup> time their franchise will be taken away

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

1 Author: Joshua Austin Land YMCA Delegation: Richardson.  
2 YMCA: Richardson YMCA City: Richardson Grade: 9th

3  
4 **A BILL**  
5 **TO BE ENTITLED**  
6

7 An act declaring that all State prisons will remove the privileges of prisoners until privileges have  
8 been worked for and declaring an emergency.

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10 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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12 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

13 Prisoner: a person legally held in prison as a punishment for crimes they have committed.

14 State Prison: A prison that is operated under the jurisdiction of a federal government.

15 Privileges: personal Internet, television, and phones (does not include public phones).

16 Prison Worker: a prisoner who is working in the prison for a benefit.  
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18 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

19 This bill will remove the privileges of prisoners until they have worked for the privileges.

20 Each Prison Warden shall decide what task(s) the prisoners will do.

21 A warden-appointed janitor must approve of the completed task.

22 The prison will be required to test the eligibility of each prisoner who wishes to apply to be a  
23 prison worker.  
24

25 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

26 Without the completion of an assigned task, privileges will be withheld from the prisoner until  
27 completion of that task.

28 If the Prison Warden does not comply with this bill:

29 First offense: warning

30 Second offense: removal from position  
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32 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

33 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
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35 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

36 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the  
37 conflict.  
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39 **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

40 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that  
41 the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.  
42

43 **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

44 The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses  
45 create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills



 **TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Peyton Childs **YMCA Delegation:** Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA. **City:** Dallas **Grade:** 9th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act amending the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, concerning how natural disasters are handled and declaring an emergency.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Natural Disaster: imminent threat from any man-made or natural cause including fire, flood, Earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, oil spill, etc.

B. Tier: a level or grade within the hierarchy of an organization or system, specifically the current

system of handling disasters.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. The government has a 3-tiered system for dealing with disasters. This will specify a 4th tier.

B. It will enforce a permanent tier of workers to prepare for major disasters within each region of Texas.

C. The Texas Disaster Act of 1975 was implemented to handle disasters by assembling a temporary board called the Emergency Management Council. This bill will make this Council permanent or in effect year round.

D. This fundamentally means that the previously inexperienced people handling the disasters will be fully trained and qualified.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

This would be a state action and can't implement penalties. If there are any penalties in the current act, they will stay in effect.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (1 year) after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the Intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

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# **COMMITTEE**

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**Abhiram Narra**  
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Author: Abhiram Narra  
YMCA: Plano

YMCA Delegation: Centennial High School  
HB/SB/Hyde/HJR/SJR/DJYG

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to add a tax on all carbonated soda beverages in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Add: To join something into another

B. Tax: a compulsory contribution to state revenue, added from workers salaries or adding cost on items

C. Carbonated: effervescent on account of containing dissolved carbon dioxide

a. Effervescent: giving off bubbles

b. Dissolved: become or cause to become incorporated into a liquid so as to form a solution

D. Beverages: drinks

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. An extra two percent tax shall be added to the customer who purchases soda

B. Vendors of these products must charge their customers an extra 2% tax on soda beverages

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

A. First Offense: twenty-five thousand dollar fine towards the vendor

B. Second Offense: fifty thousand dollar fine towards the vendor

C. Third Offense: one hundred thousand dollar fine towards the vendor

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall be deemed effective six months after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.



Author: Analisa Gutierrez YMCA Delegation: McKinney Boyd High School.  
YMCA: McKinney YMCA City: McKinney Grade: 11<sup>th</sup>

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act** requiring Texas to reestablish the pre-k funding grant to single teenage moms and declaring an emergency.

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Grant - Loan  
Teenage 13-18

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A) Texas revoked a Bill stating that high school moms (or moms in low income) could receive money to put their children through pre- k. This Bill enables Abbotts' grant to be re done. Abbotts grant gives the state 118 million dollars toward pre-ks and mothers in need.  
B) Pre K is a very Important for children's social abilities, and cognitive development.

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

This will be enforced by the state.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect during the next upcoming school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Author:** Blair Dodge **YMCA Delegation:** High school.  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA. **City:** Dallas. **Grade:** 9.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act changing the non-refundable airline ticket change fee from \$200 to \$30.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Non-Refundable Airline Ticket: A ticket that cannot be refunded or returned.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. In order to board the plane you must have a form of ID, most likely a Driver License.

B. Ticket value must be equal or more to the price of the original ticket.

C. If the ticket is cheaper than the previous one than no refund will be given.

D. This only applies to changing non-refundable tickets.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

If airlines refuse to change the non-refundable amount, the following penalties will apply:

A. restricting arrival to airports in cities with more than a population of 700,000 people or above by 5%,

B. restricting the arrival in cities with more than a population of 700,000 people or above by an additional 2%,

C. restricting the arrival in cities with more than a population of 700,000 people or above by an additional 3%, and

D. each offense is restricting the arrival in cities with more than 700,000 people or above by 2%.

E. This occurs every 90 days the provisions are not being followed.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (120) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**Commented [1]:** What refund? This is about the change fee, so are you saying that IF the cost of the "changed" ticket plus the change fee is less than the cost of the original, the purchaser may want a refund? And this rules it out?

**Commented [2]:** If this bill is for non-refundable tickets, then you don't need Section II, C, right?

**Commented [3]:** How would this work? The airline has restricted landing at specific airports...but can they still take off from those airports [just not land there]??

Author: Jada Williams YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School.  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas. Grade: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring students who fail more than four Core classes be transferred to alternative school in the state of Texas and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Core Classes:** A set of courses that are considered basic and essential for future class work and graduation such as Reading, Math, Science, and History/ Geography.

**Alternative School:** An educational setting designed to accommodate educational, behavioral, and/or medical needs of children and adolescence that cannot be adequately addressed in a traditional school environment.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

This act shall require students who fail more than four Core classes be transferred to alternative school.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

I. AP will be fined a quarter of their monthly salary.

II. Principle will be fined a quarter of their monthly salary.

III. Super Attendant will be fined a quarter of their monthly salary.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



Author: Sriya Dodda YMCA Delegation: The Episcopal School of Dallas  
YMCA: Town North YMCA. City: Dallas. HB/FSB/Hyde/DSB/HJR/SJR/DJYG

1. **A BILL**
2. **TO BE ENTITLED**
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4. An act requiring those found in possession and in use of schedule I drugs to be sent to rehabilitation instead of incarceration and declaring an emergency.
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6. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
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8. Section I. DEFINITIONS:
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11. Schedule I Drugs - Schedule I drugs, substances, or chemicals are defined as drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse. Some
12. examples of Schedule I drugs are:heroin, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD),
13. marijuana (cannabis),3- 4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy),
14. methaqualone, and peyote.
15. Rehabilitation - act of restoring health through therapy and training
16. Incarceration - imprisonment
17. Possession- having one or more illegal drugs in one's possession, either for personal use, distribution, sale or otherwise
18. Rehabilitation Centers - An outpatient center (can be inpatient at some hospitals) that provides training and therapy to cope with addiction
- 19.
20. Section II. PROVISIONS:
21. I. People found guilty of drug possession and use in the state of Texas are incarcerated, rather, they would be required to attend rehabilitation treatment
22. II. Money saved from not incarcerating the people will be used to subsidize the rehabilitation institutions

23.       III.     Discretion for amount of time person needs to be in rehabilitation will be up to  
              healthcare professionals at the rehabilitation institution

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25.     Section III. PENALTIES:

26.     Penalties are not applicable for this bill

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28.     Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

29.     This act shall take effect one-hundred eighty (180) days after the adjournment of the  
      Youth Legislature.

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Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

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33.     All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent  
      of the conflict.

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35.     Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

36.     If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the  
      Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

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39.     The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both  
      Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the  
      constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be  
40.     suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.

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**Author:** Ty Guera **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
**YMCA:** McKinney **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 10

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act banning the advertisement of all nicotine and tobacco products and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Nicotine: a poisonous alkaloid  $C_{10}H_{14}N_2$  that is the chief active principle of tobacco and is used as an insecticide

Tobacco: manufactured products of tobacco (such as cigars or cigarettes)

Advertisement: a public notice (*especially*: published in the press or broadcast over the air)

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

All advertisements including television, radio, newspaper, magazine cannot not contain any Tobacco or Nicotine products.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Penalties to the advertisement companies: Per page (for printed advertising) or per minute (for radio, media or TV

First offense: a \$1000 fine.

Second offense: a \$2000 fine.

Third offense: a \$3000 fine.

For the Tobacco and Nicotine companies per ad (per page or minute of advertising)

First offense: a \$5000 fine.

Second offense: \$10,000.

Third offense: 15,000 fine.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature

That the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring

bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

Author: Abigail Hoyle YMCA Delegation: Richardson  
YMCA: Richardson City: Richardson Grade: 11th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act concerning a required item on monuments or memorials and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Monument or memorial – A statue, building, or other structure erected by the state to honor an event, person, or persons.

Plaque – An inscribed plate

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A monument or memorial is required to include a plaque detailing what is being honored by the structure; those responsible for the design, funding, and proposal; and a brief explanation of the circumstances surrounding who or what is honored by the structure. The content of this explanation is to be approved and regulated by the Texas Historical Commission. There is no required length.

This plaque is to be added to all existing monuments or memorials that do not have plaques fulfilling these requirements. If the plaque partially meets the requirements, a plaque with the missing requirements must be added to complete it. All plaques must be in place by 2020.

In the case of future monuments or memorials, the approved design of this plaque must be included in the presented proposal.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Existing Monuments or Memorials: A fine of two percent of the normal amount for maintenance of the offending monument or memorial. This is paid by the entity that maintains said monument or memorial.  
Proposed Monuments: Suspension of Proposal until it complies with this act

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

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LastName\_FirstName\_School\_District (e.g. Smith\_John\_AustinHigh\_Austin)**

**Author:** Taha Naghshineh **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA. **City:** McKinney. **Grade:** 12.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act making electronic cigarettes and their products prohibited until the age of 21 and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

~~Electronic Cigarette: a cigarette-shaped device containing a nicotine-based liquid that is vaporized and inhaled, used to simulate the experience of smoking tobacco.~~

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. This will prohibit anyone under 21 to buy electronic cigarettes and e-juice
- B. This is not raising the age for purchase of regular cigarettes or dipping tobacco
- C. Any sort of device, juice, or tools may not be purchased by anyone below the age of 21

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- First Offense: A formal warning given by the store or retailer
- Second Offense: A \$100 fine will be issued by the state to the person attempting to buy
- Third Offense: A \$500 fine will be issued by the state to the person attempting to buy
- Fourth Offense: The person attempting to buy will be sent to jail and a local judge will determine the sentence

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (200) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to declaring that rape cases should be tried by the public judicial system in the state of Texas only rather than being left to the college campus police and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Rape: unlawful sexual activity and usually sexual intercourse carried out forcibly or under threat of injury against a person's will or with a person who is beneath a certain age or incapable of valid consent because of mental illness, mental deficiency, intoxication, unconsciousness, or deception
  - a. Unlawful: not lawful, illegal
  - b. Sexual: having or involving sex
  - c. Activity: the quality or state of being active : behavior or actions of a particular kind
  - d. Intercourse:
  - e. Forcibly: affected by force used against opposition or resistance
  - f. Threat: an expression of intention to inflict evil, injury, or damage
  - g. Injury: an act that damages or hurts
  - h. Will: a legal declaration of a person's wishes regarding the disposal of his or her property or estate after death
  - i. Certain: fixed, settled
  - j. Incapable: lacking capacity, ability, or qualification for the purpose or end in view
  - k. Valid: having legal efficacy or force
  - l. Consent: to give assent or approval
  - m. Mental illness: any of a broad range of medical conditions
  - n. Deficiency: lacking some necessary quality or element
  - o. Intoxication: an abnormal state that is essentially a poisoning
  - p. Unconsciousness: not knowing or perceiving : not aware
  - q. Deception: the act of causing someone to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid
- B. Cases: a situation requiring investigation or action
  - a. Investigation: to observe or study by close examination
- C. State Judicial System: of or relating to a judgment, the function of judging, the administration of justice
  - a. Judgement: the process of forming an opinion or evaluation by discerning and comparing
  - b. Function: the action for which a person or thing is specially fitted or used or for which a thing exists
  - c. Administration: to manage or supervise the execution, use, or conduct of
- D. Public: of, relating to, or affecting all the people or the whole area of a nation or state
  - a. Area: a particular extent of space or surface or one serving a special function: such as, a part of the surface of the body or a geographic region
- E. System: a regularly interacting or interdependent group of items forming a unified whole
  - a. Interacting: to act upon one another
  - b. Interdependent: dependent upon one another : mutually dependent
  - c. Unified: brought together as one
- F. College: an independent institution of higher learning offering a course of general studies leading to a bachelor's degree

- 58 a. Independent: not affiliated with a larger controlling unit
- 59 b. Institution: an established organization or corporation (such as a
- 60 bank or university) especially of a public character
- 61 c. Bachelor's degree: a degree that is given to a student by a college or
- 62 university usually after four years of study
- 63 G. Campus: the grounds and buildings of a university, college, or school
- 64 H. Police: to supervise the operation, execution, or administration of to prevent
- 65 or detect and prosecute violations of rules and regulations
- 66 a. Supervise: to be in charge of
- 67 b. Operation: an exertion of power or influence
- 68 c. Execution: the process of enforcing a legal judgment (as against a
- 69 debtor)
- 70 d. Detect: to discover the true character of
- 71 e. Prosecute: to bring legal action against for redress or punishment of
- 72 a crime or violation of law
- 73 f. Violations: the act of violating (break, disregard)
- 74 g. Regulations: a rule or order issued by an executive authority or
- 75 regulatory agency of a government and having the force of law
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## 77 Section II. PROVISIONS:

- 78 A. College rape cases should be tried by the state judicial system rather than
- 79 being taken to college campus police.
- 80 B. Currently existing college campus rape policies are flawed because they
- 81 don't take legal action by charging rapists such as sending them to prison.
- 82 a. They suspend the student from anything pertaining to that specified
- 83 campus for a certain time only.
- 84 b. If the case was incredibly torturous and there was hard evidence a
- 85 state felony would be charged.
- 86 C. Instead of colleges having authority over any rape cases, they should be
- 87 directly taken to the state government. Any hard evidence found to prove
- 88 the predator(s) guilty, should be taken into account of charging the
- 89 individual(s) with a lifetime's worth of prison instead of just banishment
- 90 from the university and extra counseling on the side.
- 91 D. This bill takes action in altering the current process with the policies
- 92 themselves, but cost wise the campus will be required to give half of the
- 93 money to the government while the rest is funded by themselves.
- 94 a. This is for the fact that the rape case took action on the campus
- 95 itself, but the government has the responsibility to make the
- 96 investigations and/or state offenses take place.
- 97 E. College students that are deemed mentally challenged may not receive
- 98 pardon from this bill's effects.
- 99 F. Cases in progress or cases closed amongst the college campus police will not
- 100 be reviewed again for another trial unless give instructed to do so otherwise,
- 101 from the government.
- 102 a. The only reasons for any of the files from the college campus to be
- 103 opened would be to review the punishments given to the convicted
- 104 felons and compare them to how they would be charged if the same
- 105 case had taken place with the state judicial system.
- 106 G. The publication policy shall remain the same in terms of the case being
- 107 publicized as it is a public case but all personal information shall be disclosed
- 108 unless given consent.
- 109 H. Reports will be made by victims either to the campus police who will then
- 110 file the report and take matters from there or any form of contact to the
- 111 college campus police and then matters will go farther if needed.
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## 113 Section III. PENALTIES:

- 114 A. If the college doesn't fund half of the money in the court case then the

115 following will occur:  
116 A. First Offense: A notice will be given with a \$1,000 fine.  
117 B. Second Offense: A \$5,000 fine will be given.  
118 C. Third Offense: A \$10,000 fine will be given.  
119 D. Fourth Offense: Anything can occur reasonable enough to be  
120 negotiated between the government and the head of the police  
121 department and any major officials.  
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123 Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:  
124 This act shall take effect the next school year after the adjournment of the Youth  
125 Legislature.  
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127 Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:  
128 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent  
129 of the conflict.  
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131 Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:  
132 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the  
133 Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.  
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135 Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:  
136 The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both  
137 Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the  
138 constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House  
139 be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.  
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# **COMMITTEE**

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**Author:** Sophie Houshmand **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 9th Grade

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all elementary schools to provide a take home sack with food to all kids on the free or reduced lunch during long breaks and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Free or Reduced lunch: Low-cost or free lunches to kids that qualify.

National School Lunch Program: The National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools and residential child care institutions. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to children each school day.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

a. There will be a snack tax of ½ a penny per dollar of every non-essential snack item, that aren't considered nutritional by the FDA, in grocery and convenience stores to fund for the meals/snacks.

b. A volunteer program will be made in every school district to make the snack bags for long breaks such as fall break, thanksgiving break, winter break, and spring break.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

First offense: Warning

Second offense: 2% cut of school funding

Third offense: 5% cut of school funding

All offenses after three: +2% cut of school funding each time

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

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2. **Author:** Emma Hernandez **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas
3. **YMCA:** McKinney YMCA. **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 9
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5. **A BILL**  
6. **TO BE ENTITLED**  
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8. An act requiring all Texas public schools high schools or grades 9-12 to provide a study hall
9. breakfast for students and declaring an emergency.
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11. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.
- 12.

13. Section I. DEFINITIONS:

14. Public School: A free tax-supported school controlled by a local government authority
15. Study Hall: A room in a school set aside for study
16. Breakfast: The first meal of the day especially taken in the morning
17. High School: A school especially in the U.S, usually including grades 9-12 or 10-12
- 18.

19. Section II. PROVISIONS:

20. A. The tutorial breakfast must be held at least once a week
21. B. There must be a minimum of 25 students attending each week
22. C. The breakfast must meet all nutrition standards created by USDA
- 23.

24. Section III. PENALTIES:

25. A. 1st offense: If a school fails to instill tutorial breakfast, a reminder will be made as well as a
26. warning to instill it
27. B. 2nd offense: After the first offense, the school will receive a 500 dollar fine.
28. C. 3rd offense: If after the 2nd offense the school still hasn't met this bill's requirements, then
29. the school will continue to be fined 500 dollars.
- 30.

31. Section IV. EFFECTIVE

32. This act shall take effect at the start of the 2019-2020 school year or the school year
33. following the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

34. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

35. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the
36. conflict.
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38. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

39. If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature
40. that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.
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42. Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

43. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses
44. create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring
45. bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby
46. suspended.
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Author: Cantu\_Joseph\_YMCA Delegation: Skyline\_High\_School  
YMCA: White\_Rock\_City: Dallas

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**An act to require a body cam to be worn by all Texas law enforcement officers while on duty unless they are in law enforcement headquarters.**

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Law enforcement:** any system by which some members of society act in an organized manner to enforce the law by discovering, deterring, rehabilitating, or punishing people who violate the rules and norms governing that society.

**Body Cam** a small video camera worn on the body, typically used by police officers to record arrests and evidence from crime scenes, etc.

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

**Officers will wear the body cam at all times while on duty except when they are in headquarters.**

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

**Failure to wear body cams will result in officers being sanction by department officials**

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.**

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

**All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

### **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

**If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.**

### **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

**The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.**



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring the minimum wage in Texas to be raised to at least \$10.25 per hour and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Minimum Wage: The lowest wage permitted by law or by a special agreement (such as one with a labor union).

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

The minimum wage will be implemented in 3 stages at 6-month intervals. This will enable employers to adjust to personal finances gradually over time.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby suspended.



**Author:** Nicholas Noble   **YMCA Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**YMCA:** McKinney YMCA   **City:** Dallas   **Grade:** 12

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act declaring that public colleges can not include race on their applications and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. College: A public educational institution or establishment

B. College Application: The form and process of being admitted to a college

C. College Applicant: An individual applying to a college

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. All public colleges in the State of Texas must remove the race category from their college applications.

B. Colleges must suggest that if the applicant believes their race could impact their potential acceptance into the college, that it should be included in their essays.

C. Colleges that fail to meet the effective date, along with the penalties, the colleges must disregard applications that have race associated with them and inform the applicant.

D. Colleges must allow applicants who had their applications disregarded because of the provisions of this bill to submit a new application, even if it is past the colleges deadline for the school year and semester the applicant applied to.

E. The provisions of this bill only apply to applications submitted to the college after the effective date.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

A. A fine of \$500 must be paid for every application that fails to meet provisions A - C

B. A fine of \$1000 must be paid for every application that fails to meet provision D on top of the first fine of \$500

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect August 1, 2020 after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring

1. **Author:** Claire Oldner **YMCA Delegation:** Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
2. **YMCA:** McKinney **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 11th  
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4. **A BILL**  
5. **TO BE ENTITLED**

6. An act relating to health education reform in Texas public high schools and declaring an emergency  
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8. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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10. Section I. DEFINITIONS:

11. **Sexual education:** The instruction of issues relating to human sexuality, including emotional  
12. relations and responsibilities, human sexual anatomy, sexual activity, sexual reproduction, age of  
13. consent, reproductive health, reproductive rights, safe sex, birth control and sexual abstinence

14. **Medically accurate:** Verified or supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with  
15. accepted scientific methods.

16. **Health 1:** A course, worth one-half credit, that helps students to develop skills that will help them to  
17. be health-literate, this instruction is given in either 9th grade or 10th grade.

18. **Advanced Health:** A higher level health course worth one-half credit given to students in grades  
19. 11th and 12th, the prerequisite for Advanced Health is Health 1.

20. **High school:** A school that typically comprises grades 9 through 12, attended after primary school  
21. and/or middle school.

22. **STD:** A sexually transmitted disease.

23. **Sexual consent:** The voluntary agreement of the complainant to engage in the sexual activity in  
24. question. Conduct short of a voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity does not constitute  
25. consent as a matter of law.

26. **Age of consent:** The legally defined age at which a person is no longer required to obtain parental  
27. consent to get married, this age is 17 years old in Texas.  
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29. Section II. PROVISIONS:  
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31. A. Comprehensive, completely medically accurate sexual education is required to be taught by all  
32. Texas public high schools.

33. B. This instruction will be included within Health 1 (9th grade & 10th grade) and/or Advanced  
34. Health (11th grade & 12th grade).

35. C. It is a matter for determination at the district level by the local school board, the duly elected  
36. representatives of the people of the community, whether they would like to teach this  
37. instruction in Health 1 or Advanced Health, or incorporate the instruction into both courses.

38. D. Parents or guardians may remove their child/children from this curriculum if the content  
39. conflicts with their religious beliefs. To do this, parents or guardians must submit a written  
40. request to the school in order to remove their child/children.

41. E. There must be at least 5 hours of instruction given.

42. F. All of the following information is required to be covered in Health 1 and/or Advanced Health:

43. a. For high schools, these are the required topics/subjects that MUST be covered:

44. i. HIV/AIDS and STDs, how to prevent them, and what to do if you have  
45. HIV/AIDS or an STD, or believe you do.

46. ii. Abstinence, teen pregnancy, abortion and adoption.

47. iii. Contraceptives/ birth control methods (condoms, prescribed medication, IUDs,  
48. etc.), information about the effectiveness, and where to find these resources.

49. iv. What consensual sex looks like (age of consent, listening, etc.), what  
50. consensual sex does not look like, and resources for students to report  
information about a sexual assault.

G. Schools must receive written consent from parents/ guardians before a student under the age  
of 18 may receive instruction.

a. Schools may issue forms for parents/guardians to sign, so that the student may  
participate in the course.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

The penalties are up to the discretion of the Texas Education Association (TEA).

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.



**Author:** Greyson Baker **YMCA Delegation:** Garland HS  
**YMCA:** White Rock **City:** Garland **Grade:** 9

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act founding a governing tricameral legislature using sortition and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

House of Tribunes - A chamber of the legislature which holds 200 persons replaced yearly in accordance with matching state and internal identity statistics to serve as a balancing vote in congressional matters.

Identity Statistics - Information on averages such as identified gender, ethnicity, age, et cetera.

Tribunes - Persons currently serving in the House of Tribunes After their year they will be termed as "pro-tribunes".

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A House of Tribunes is founded and will hold 250 sessions a year, whereas a session is defined as a day, paid \$175 per session. This House would vote and the vote would be able to overrule one chamber, as well as implement their own bills, with an internal majority. The House of Tribunes also has the ability to begin investigations. To be a potential Tribune one must be eligible for jury duty and not be running for or be in any governmental legislature. Noting procedure: Robert's Rules of Order will be followed, taking example from the Senate, then developed internally.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

Failure to attend at least fifty sessions: 5 year temporary Tribune ban, and pay reversed.

Identity Fraud Additions: Permanent ban from being a Tribune and a \$5000 fine.

Companies who fail to hire back Pro-Tribunes to equal or higher standing: \$20000 fine.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect two hundred fifty (250) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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Author: Kassandra Zapata YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
YMCA: Oak Cliff City: Dallas Grade: 9th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act banning conversion camps and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- I. Conversion Camps: Therapy for the pseudoscientific practice of trying to change an individual's homosexual practices or feelings to heterosexual practices or feelings.
- II. LGBTQ: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. This bill shall ensure the permanent suspension of all sexuality conversion camps.
- B. The places being used as conversion camps shall be converted into LGBTQ youth centers.
- C. If a person is willingly and consciously participating they will be sent to therapy with a licensed therapist.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. All conversion camps that don't comply will be fined \$200.
- B. If they don't comply a second time the fine will be raised to \$600.
- C. If they still don't comply then all people involved will be sentenced with one month in jail in addition to any charges they may face for abuse or other crimes.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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7. **A BILL**  
8. **TO BE ENTITLED**

9. An act to make all public middle schools and high school to take out all lockers that are for the  
10. use of students (not including athletics lockers, band lockers, etc.) and declaring an emergency.

11. Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

12. **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

13. A. Lockers: a small lockable closet or compartment, typically as one of a number placed together for public or  
14. general use, e.g., in schools, gymnasiums, or train stations.

15. B. Middle School: a school intermediate between an elementary school and a high school, typically for  
16. children in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.

17. C. High School: a school that typically comprises grades 9 through 12, attended after primary school or  
18. middle school.

19. **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

20. A. This act is banning all lockers that are not for athletics, band, etc. use in school, meaning  
21. only athletics, band, etc. lockers will be allowed.

22. B. Lockers that are all around the schools are a waste of space and a place to hide weapons,  
23. drugs, and other hazardous substance and objects.

24. C. Considering that most kids don't even use lockers, there is not a huge reason to have them.

25. D. You might say that it is counter active to let Athletics lockers, band lockers, etc. but if there  
26. are less lockers there are less hiding places which makes school all around safer.

27. E. The school districts would be held responsible to contact the Texas government and find a  
28. contractor to do the job, but the Texas government would pay for all costs (only for taking out  
29. the lockers). The Texas government would ask the Texas lottery to pay for the cost due to the  
30. fact that the Texas lottery has funds set aside that are meant for schools around Texas.

31. **Section III. PENALTIES:**

32. A. 1st offence: warning to school district

33. B. 2nd offence: (2 weeks later) a cut of .75% of government funding to school district

34. C. 3rd offence: (2 weeks later) a cut of 1.50% of government funding to school district

35. D. 4th offence: (every 2 weeks) every offence after the school district will be cut of 1 % of  
36. there funding until all of the districts middle schools and high school have got rid of the  
37. lockers.  
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39. **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

40. This act shall take effect the following school year (2020-2021) after the adjournment of the  
41. Youth Legislature.  
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43. **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

44. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the  
45. conflict.  
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47. **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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49. the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.  
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51. **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

52. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses  
53. create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring  
54. bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule hereby  
55. suspended.  
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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act relating to the state funding of public education institutions and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Public Education Institution**- a place where people of different ages gain an education.

Examples of some institutions are preschools, primary schools, secondary schools, and further and higher education

**A property tax**- or millage rate is an ad valorem tax on the value of a property, usually levied on real estate. The tax is levied by the governing authority of the jurisdiction in which the property is located. This can be a national government, a federated state, a county or geographical region or a municipality.

**Income tax**- tax levied by a government directly on income, especially an annual tax on personal income.

**Article 8, Section 1 : d-** (d) The Legislature by general law shall exempt from ad valorem taxation household goods not held or used for the production of income and personal effects

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held or used for the production of income. The Legislature by general law may exempt from ad valorem taxation:

(1) all or part of the personal property homestead of a family or single adult, "personal property homestead" meaning that personal property exempt by law from forced sale for debt;

(2) subject to Subsections (e) and (g) of this section, all other tangible personal property, except structures which are substantially affixed to real estate and are used or occupied as residential dwellings and except property held or used for the production of income;

(3) subject to Subsection (e) of this section, a leased motor vehicle that is not held primarily for the production of income by the lessee and that otherwise qualifies under general law for exemption; and

(4) one motor vehicle, as defined by general law, owned by an individual that is used in the course of the individual's occupation or profession and is also used for personal activities of the owner that do not involve the production of income.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

**A)** The State of Texas will repeal Article 8, Section 1 : d.

**B)** The State of Texas will implement an income tax.

**C)** The State of Texas will cease the use of funding of property tax dollars to all public education institutions that can support it self on sole funding of income tax alone.

**D)** All funding that was originally funded by the use of property tax will will instead be funded using income taxes.

**E)** The areas where the amount of income taxes was siphoned away to education will be replaced by property tax dollars.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

**A)** Any comptroller who does not accurately redirect funding correctly will face removal from office.



49. Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

50. This act shall take effect ninety this bill will take place at the beginning of the 2019-20 school  
51. year, after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

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53. Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

54. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the  
55. conflict.

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57. Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

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63. create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring  
64. bills to be read on three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby  
65. suspended.

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**Author:** Adrian Kingori **YMCA Delegation:** IIANT  
**YMCA:** YMCA. **City:** McKinney **Grade:** 9th

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act requiring all Texas public schools to offer after school programs and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Program: Activity to pass time

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

Inspections come around annually to make sure

Parents can choose whether to involve their child or not

Partnering with local businesses or the school district will pay

Schools are given 1 year to create and fund an after school activity

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

1st offense: Warning

2nd offense: 2% off funding

3rd offense: 6% off funding

4th offense: 10% off funding and 5% added to reduction for every other offense

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**Author:** Keith Boudewijn **YMCA Delegation:** Rockwall Heath High School.  
**YMCA:** J.E.R. Chilton. **City:** Heath Tx. **Grade:** 11th.

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act that requires all students in public schools in the state of Texas to take an environmental science class and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

a. **Environmental science:** Environmental science is the study of the effects of natural and unnatural processes, and of interactions of the physical components of the planet on the environment.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

This bill is requiring students to take a environmental science class in order to graduate.

The curriculum for this class will be set by the school board of each school district. All student will be required to attend an environmental science class provided by their high school. This class will be worth 1 credit and will be required to graduate.

**Section III. PENALTIES:** Cut fundings If the school fails to enforce this bill then, 1st offence: warning

2nd offence: 1% cut from budget

3rd: offence: 3% cut from budget

4th offence: 5% cut from budget

failure to comply with this bill will result in a 5% cut from their annual budget for each additional offence

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**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect in the 2019-2020 school year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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Author: Nitin Potturi YMCA Delegation: Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
YMCA: McKinney YMCA City: McKinney HB/FSB/Hyde/DSB/HJR/SJR/DJYG

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act making Affirmative Action based off income rather than race and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

Affirmative Action - the special consideration given to women, racial minorities, and members of other historically excluded groups.

Income - the amount of such gain received in a period of time

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

5% school budget cut compounded for every year of violation

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect in the 2021 school year and will undergo adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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Author: Sarah O'Brien YMCA Delegation: McKinney Boyd  
YMCA: McKinney City: McKinney Grade: 12

**A BILL  
TO REQUIRE STERILIZATION FOR A PERSON WHO IS A CONVICTED LEVEL TWO OR THREE  
SEXUAL OFFENDER**

**An act** requiring sterilization for a person who is a convicted level two or three sex offender and declaring an emergency.

**Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.**

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

A. Sterilization: A medical procedure where the reproductive organs are removed or permanently deemed ineffective.

B. Sex offender: A person who is convicted of a sexual offense including but not limited to rape, sodomy, and sexual abuse.

C. Level two: A sex offender is a moderate risk to the community and might continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct.

D. Level three: A sex offender is deemed a high risk to the community and will continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

A. A sex offender who has been convicted and is a level two or three offender will be subject to a sterilization procedure performed by doctors in the hospital nearest to the prison.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

There are no penalties for this bill.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**This act shall take effect 2 years (730 days) after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.**  
(You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

**All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

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**Author:** Neal Holloway **YMCA Delegation:** garland HS  
**YMCA:** white rock **City:** garland, tx. **Grade:** 10th

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to limit flaring in the oil industry and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- Hydraulic fracking- an oil extraction process that involves fracturing a rock with pressurised liquid.
- Flaring-The process of burning off the natural gas that is created as a byproduct to oil extraction.
- Railroad Commission of Texas- The Texas government agency responsible for regulating gas and oil production.
- Companies who frack-Individuals or companies with fracking licenses with more than 2 wells or produce of excess of 1,000 barrels per day.
- Fracking licenses- license allowing for flaring that lasts from lasts 45-180 days.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- This act requires companies who frack to be required by law to recapture 85% of the natural gas produced from fracking.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- Any company found by the Railway commission of Texas to not meet the regulation with lose their license immediately and be fined 50% of the income of the well.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

- This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

- All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

An act permitting drivers to navigate 5 miles per hour above the current speed limit when passing in favorable weather conditions and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

- A. Miles per hour: Imperial system measurement used to indicate distance, represented in miles, in relation to time, represented in seconds.
- B. Speed limit: The maximum any driver is lawfully allowed to drive in favorable conditions.
- C. Passing: The act of navigating around another vehicle in a road with 2 or more lanes going in the same direction
- D. Favorable weather conditions: Ample surroundings that promote safe driving. For example: daylight, smooth roads
- E. Mph: Miles per Hour
- F. Base price: Starting amount of money for paying a fine
- G. Acceleration: The increase of speed
- H. Pedestrians: a person walking along the road in a developed area
- I. School zone: An area on a street near a school or crosswalk that may contain large amounts of pedestrians or young children at risk of getting hit by a motor vehicle

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- A. Any driver attempting to pass another driver can only accelerate 5 miles per hour greater than the speed limit and not the speed of the vehicle being passed.
- B. If the vehicle enters a lane going in the opposite direction, they will be fined.
- C. A vehicle increasing speed to pass on dirt or gravel road will be fined.
- D. Increasing speed to pass will not be tolerated when travelling during unfavorable driving conditions.
- E. Increasing speed to pass will not be tolerated when travelling within a school-zone.
- F. The conditions proposed above will be endorsed by all regions of Texas.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- A. Drivers who accelerate 6 miles or more miles above the speed limit will be given a speeding ticket and will have to pay the standard fines.
  - a. For 6-10 mph over the speed limit when passing, the base price of a speeding ticket may be above \$95.
  - b. For 11-15 mph over the speed limit when passing, the base price of a speeding ticket may be above \$120.
  - c. For 16-20 mph over the speed limit when passing, the base price of a speeding ticket may be above \$150.
  - d. For 21 mph or more over the speed limit, the base price of a speeding ticket may be above \$200.
- B. Drivers who accelerate within a school zone will be penalized with standard speeding tickets for this offense:
  - a. For 6-10 mph over the speed limit when passing in a school zone, fines may be above \$220.
  - b. For 11-15 mph over the speed limit when passing in a school zone, fines may be above \$245.
  - c. For 16-20 mph over the speed limit when passing in a school zone, fines may be above \$270.
  - d. For 21 mph or more over the speed limit when passing in a school zone, fines may be above \$300.
- C. The above penalties shall apply to all drivers within the State of Texas.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect 6 months after its adjournment by the US Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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Author: Selene Becerra YMCA Delegation: Skyline High School  
YMCA: White Rock YMCA City: Dallas Grade: 10

## **A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

An act to halt all officers in Texas from asking about legal status when a crime is reported and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

### **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

**Halt** – to stop the process of something

**Legal Status** – Legal status is the position held by something or someone with regard to law. It is a set of privileges, obligations, powers or restrictions that a person or thing has which are encompassed in or declared by legislation.

**Reporting-** give a spoken or written account of something that one has observed, heard, done, or investigated

### **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

This act applies to all law enforcement officers in Texas

### **Section III. PENALTIES:**

1<sup>st</sup> violation – officers gets a warning

2<sup>nd</sup> violation – officers gets a 2 week suspension

3<sup>rd</sup> violation – officers employment shall be terminal but he/she retains credentials and is eligible to apply for other positions in 30 days.

### **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

### **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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