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CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration	PDC Foyer	
9:00 – 12:00PM	Committee Meetings		
	H-1	House Committee 1	Yates Auditorium
	H-2	House Committee 2	PDC Main Room
	H-3	House Committee 3	First Citizens Room A
	H-4	House Committee 4	First Citizens Room B
	S-1	Senate Committee 1	First Citizens Room C
	S-2	Senate Committee 2	First Citizens Room D
12:00 – 12:45PM	Lunch	See Advisor	
12:45 – 3:30 PM	House Senate	Yates Auditorium PDC Main Room	
3:30 PM	Closing Ceremony	Yates Auditorium	

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**DYERSBURG
MIDDLE SCHOOL
YIG ROSTER**

MS YIG Dyersburg Roster

Last	First	School	Comp	Committ	Bill #
Alcozer	Lauren	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-3
Anderson	Sarah	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-7
Arguello	Kaylee	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-4
Armstrong	Macey	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-10
Asad	Razan	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-9
Atchison	Attie	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-2
Autry	Georgia	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-11
Bailey	James	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-2
Baird	Bella	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-2
Baker	Chloe	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-5
Baker	Hannah	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-11
Bates	Jada	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-7
Beach	Maddi	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-9
Bell	Cody	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-4
Benthal	Landan	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-7
Bernheisel	Clare	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-10
Binkley	Jon-David	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-1
Bizzle	Briana	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-4
Bona	Leo	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-5
Booker	Kaidence	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-3
Borden	Abby	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-8
Brimm	Gavin	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-1
Brooks	Breeanna	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-6
Brooks	Lennon	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-2
Brown	Jayden	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-1
Brown	Zoe	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-6
Bryant	Mckenzy	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-4
Bullington	Lilly	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-10
Burnett	Cadie	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-8
Burns	Kadance	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-4
Callens	Reece	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-3
Campbell	Zoe	Northview Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-3
Canada	Lain	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-8
Canada	Finley	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-11
Cannon	Maegan	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-8
Cannon	Mya	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-7
Carden	Haidyn	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-6
Carson	Kruse	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-3
Cole	Alex	Northview Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-8
Coleman	Avery	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-1
Cotton	Kali	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-10
Cotton	Kash	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	House 1	HB/1-6
Creasy	Ella	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-9

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Daniels	Landon	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-6
Davidson	Sophie	Northview Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-4
Davis	KJ	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-4
Dishman	Presley	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-9
Doolin	Kloie	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-4
Dormer	Ally	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-9
Duggan	McKenzie	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-11
Dunn	Taylor	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-2
Dykes	Angelie	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-8
Ebelhar	Kate	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-7
Ebelhar	Jake	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-10
Elliot	Madison	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-4
Escue	Bailey	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-11
Fisher	Anna	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-2
Fite	Brooklyn	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-2
Fowlkes	Kyla	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-4
Fowlkes	Tyler	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-10
Fox	Laynie	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-3
Gatlin	Addie	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-1
Gentry	Becca	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-9
Glass	La'trell	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-4
Glass	Anna	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-9
Glass	Lucas	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-7
Gonzales	Zoie	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-1
Gourley	Selena	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-5
Grant	Marleigh	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-5
Greer	Anna	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-7
Gullett	Shelby	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-5
Hale	Jinny	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-3
Hampton	Anna	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-8
Harber	Reese	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-6
Harrell	Kathleen	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-5
Harris	Izzy	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-4
Haynie	Logan	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-4
Hayward	Devin	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-6
Healy	Patrick	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-5
Heinrich	Anna	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-7
Hepler	Hailey	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-5
Hermann	Ashlynn	Northview Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-5
Hicks	Layla	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-6
Hightower	Ellie	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-8
Hill	Kennedy	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-2
Hobson	Zayley	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-7
Holder	Dakaya	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-2

MS YIG Dyersburg Roster

Hopkins	Anayah	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-4
Houchens	Ethan	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-9
Huddlestun	Cooper	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-10
Hudson	Lauren	Northview Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-9
Hunter	Keaton	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-10
Hunter	Colton	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-11
Jayroe	Sam	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-3
Jernigan	Jillian	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-10
Johnson	Joleigh	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-7
Johnson	Alyssa	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-6
Jones	Cara	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-11
Jones	Savannah	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-1
Jones	Ron'niya	Northview Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-8
Jones	Ashlyn	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-7
Justice	Judi-Kaye	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-4
Kail	Brady	Northview Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-1
Keith	Lana	Northview Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-9
Klutts	Clayton	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-3
Kramer	Madison	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-9
Lamb	Carson	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-6
Lane	Elisha	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-9
Langford	Amelia	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-8
Larraga	Isreal	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-7
Lazure	Catherine	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-2
Leedy	Bryleigh	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-3
Lehmann	Aubrey	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-8
Lewis	Za'nyla	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-10
Lewsader	Evan	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-9
Lowe	Lunden	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-4
MacArthur	Alexa	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-10
Mahaffey	Ace	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-2
Mahome	Kaleb	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-6
McClure	Alyssa	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-10
McGavock	Emma	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-4
McGowan	Madison	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-6
Meeks	Meredith	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-8
Moore	Lucy	Northview Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-5
Moore	Laney	Northview Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-5
Moore	Landen	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-3
Newbill	Katie	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-8
Newsom	Shay	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-9
Nolen	Bailey	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-10
Orchard	Lila	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-7
Owens	Jaiana	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-4

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Parnell	Leigha	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-7
Paschall	Nathan	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-3
Patel	Kush	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-2
Peckenpaugh	Morgan	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-5
Poe	Ashlynn	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-8
Rea	Jackson	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-3
Rea	Hannah	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-11
Rector	Sarah	Northview Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-8
Revell	Hallie	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-8
Richardson	Courtney	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-8
Rivera	Juan	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-10
Roberts	Bradley	Northview Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-1
Roberts	Alex	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-2
Robertson	Hannah	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-8
Robey	Lainey	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-2
Rogers	Keegan	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-2
Rogers	Ava	Northview Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-3
Rogers	Jacey	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-1
Romero	Jack	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-3
Romo	Pricila	Northview Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-4
Ross	Reagan	Northview Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-5
Ross	Jared	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-10
Rud	Rylee	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-7
Sanchez	Lizbeth	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-9
Sanders	Lillie	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-2
Seratt	Ava	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-4
Shands	Travis	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-9
Shelby	Brock	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-3
Shelby	Hope	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-11
Sherrod	Addyson	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-1
Short	Will	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-4
Smith	Gracie	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-5
Smith	Lee	Northview Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-1
Smith	Harmonee'	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-10
Smith	Beaux	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-7
Stanley	Jake	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-7
Stephens	Tyler	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-5
Stewart	Lane	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-6
Stone	Paizlee	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-1
Stone	Caleb	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-9
Stonkus	Gabriella	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-2
Strayhorn	Chloe	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-6
Strayhorn	Katie	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-3
Stroup	Blake	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-6

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Tarkington	Trey	Northview Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-1
Terry	Reece	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-6
Thompson	Morgan	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-1
Tittle	Ian	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-6
Tyler	Jayden	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-7
Waller	Deimos	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-7
Walls	August	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-3
Warden	Haley	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-1
Warren	Hayden	Northview Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-4
Westmoreland	Kiley	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-2
White	Launa	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 1	HB/1-2
Wilkerson	Maddie	Northview Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-4
Willard	Bailey	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-5
Williams	Holden	Dyersburg Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-5
Wilson	Allyssa	Dyersburg Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-1
Wilson	Abby	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-3
Wilson	Alyssa	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 2	HB/2-2
Wilson	Alex	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-8
Winstead	Reed	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 1	SB/1-5
Wray	Emma	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 4	HB/4-2
Wray	Ethan	Three Oaks Middle School	Senate	Senate 2	SB/2-6
Wright	Abbie	Three Oaks Middle School	House	House 3	HB/3-2

UNDERSTANDING THE COMMITTEE PROCESS

What should delegates do during committee?

1. Evaluate Bills

- Evaluate bills using the criteria on the ranking form, i.e., Presentation, Feasibility, Statewide Impact, Research, and Content.
- Will the end result be a meaningful contribution to a value-oriented society?
- Will it have a positive effect on a significant number of citizens?
- Is its issue worthy of legislative consideration?
- Is the bill in conflict with the Constitution? (And if so, then has the bill been written in the form of a Constitutional Amendment?)
- Does the bill provide for the concise accomplishment of its intended purposes?

2. Make Amendments

- Proposed amendments given in committee should be attached to the respective bill, with the proponents name(s) (persons offering the amendment) listed on the amendment. Any delegate may propose an amendment on any bill. The committee will vote on the proposed amendment. In order to submit an amendment for vote, use only the proper amendment form, and clearly indicate whether the amendment is FAVORABLE or UNFAVORABLE to its patrons.
- A majority vote is required to pass an amendment in committee. Proponents should be prepared to present and defend the amendment on the floor as debate will take place on an amendment if it is deemed unfriendly by the bill patrons.
- Committee proposed amendments will be considered on the floor.

3. Debate (The rules for debate are listed in the Rules of Procedure)

4. Rank Bills

- After each bill has been considered and some action has been taken, the committee will rank the respective bill. Red House/Senate bills will be ranked separately from Blue House/Senate bills.
- Each BILL TEAM will rank each bill on the ranking form provided, based upon the instructions given by the Chair. (This means each team will fill out only ONE ranking sheet.)
- Please be sure to write legibly on your ranking form. If there are any questions regarding legibility, the form in question will be thrown out.

SCRIPT FOR CCE YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DEBATE

by Tucker Cowden, MHMS

*Outside of this guide, consult additional TN YMCA CCE supplements and Robert's Rules of Order

*Script is written with the assumption of more than one patron for the bill. If there is only one presenting patron, change statements to the singular (i.e. "Does the Patron" instead of "Do the Patrons").

Overview

Youth in Government (YIG) debate should be seen in the context of the actual Tennessee General Assembly, where delegates act as State Senators and Representatives and the items debated are called **bills**. Because of this setting, YIG delegates should have well-developed opinions on important state issues. This applies especially to the bill that you are presenting. It should address not only an issue that the delegates think is important, but one that is relevant to the current affairs of Tennessee and could actually be introduced to the General Assembly, and it should be **very well-researched**. Furthermore, delegates are to be completely in character, acting as if YIG were the actual TN General Assembly (so refer to the conference as "the state of Tennessee" or "the House/Senate" (depending on which you are a delegate in)).

Asking Technical Questions (after being recognized by the chair)

Speaker: [States Name, States School, States **One** Question (must be a question that merits a response of yes, no, a number, a definition, or a short, expository rather than persuasive answer) (the question is directed to the presenting delegates)]

Con/Pro Debate (after being recognized)

*Delegates may take one or two of the three actions listed below (ask questions, speak to the floor, yield time to another delegate), but may not only yield time to another delegate (you can only ask questions or only speak, but cannot only yield time). Also, if you are yielding time, you must ask to do this **before** beginning your speech or questions, and then state that you yield your time when you are finished with the first part.

Speaker: (States Name, States School) and...

To Ask A Series of Questions

Speaker: Do the Patrons yield to a possible series of questions? (**Not:** “a series of possible questions,” or “a question.”)

Chair: They do so yield

Speaker: (To Patrons) (Asks Questions and receives answers for up to two minutes, depending on the committee/house’s time structure).

*It is important to note that questions asked as a Con speech should seek to criticize, or at least show skepticism for, the given bill. Those asked as a Pro speech should do the opposite, emphasizing the positive aspects of the bill.

To Address the Assembly

Speaker: May I address the floor?

Chair: That is your right.

Speaker: (Speaks to fellow delegates, not the patrons, for the allotted amount of time either in favor of (pro speech) or against (con speech) the bill).

*You should never use the words “Con” or “Pro” in your speech unless referring to “a previous con speaker,” etc. Con and Pro are not nouns or verbs that can be used to show your support or dislike of a bill (so **do not** say “I con this bill”).

To Yield Remaining time after one of the above to a fellow delegate:

Speaker: May I yield the remainder of my time to a fellow delegate?

Chair: That is your right. Please specify a delegate.

Speaker: [Names the delegate to be yielded to (refer to him/her by last name)]
(Takes first action)

*Delegates being yielded to should have the same opinion (pro or con) on the bill as the speakers that yield to them.

Motions (must be made before the last con speech)

Speaker: (Shouts) Motion!

Chair: Rise and state your motion.

Speaker: (States Name, States School, States Motion—see table of motions in delegate manual)

Chair: [Takes it from there (decides if the motion is in order or not, asks for a second to the motion, and conducts a vote, usually by voice acclamation)]

FORMAT FOR DEBATE

I. Committee

- Two minutes - Introduction**
- Two minutes - Technical Questions**
- +/-Five minutes - Con/pro debate**
- One minute - Summation**

Amendments

- One minute - Introduction**
- Two rounds - Con/pro debate**
- One minute - Summation**

II. General Assembly/Plenary

- Two minutes - Introduction**
- One minute - Technical Questions**
- Three rounds - Con/pro debate**
- Two minutes - Summation**

SAMPLE COMMITTEE RANKING FORM

Best 1...2...3...4...5 Worst

	Bill #	Innovation	Feasibility	Statewide Impact	Content & Research	Presentation	Total
1							
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YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT RULES OF PROCEDURE

Introductory Note: Youth in Government (YIG) is modeled after the Tennessee General Assembly. The circumstances at YIG require many of its rules of procedure to vary from the practices of the General Assembly. In questions or issues not addressed by the following rules, the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement staff may look to other authorities for guidance.

I. Presentation of Bills or Resolutions

A. Patrons of bills should make every effort to write a bill in compliance with the expectations of the YIG conference. The CCE staff may remove inappropriate bills from the dockets of their respective chambers regardless of committee rankings.

B. When presenting their bills, patrons should uphold expectations for appropriate behavior. Disruptive behavior is subject to disciplinary action. Patrons should not use props of any kind while presenting their bills.

C. Patrons may yield extra time from their introduction to their summation. Delegates speaking “pro” on those bills may also yield time to the patrons’ summation. Unused time from the patrons’ summation is yielded to the presiding officer (chair).

D. Patrons may invoke Patron’s Rights during debate on their bill when a delegate has offered factually incorrect information about the text of their bill. Patron’s Rights allows the patrons ten seconds of uninterrupted speaking time to offer correct information. The patrons must wait until the speaker has concluded their remarks before exercising these rights.

II. Amendments to Bills

A. Patrons of bills may submit minor amendments to their bills immediately prior to presenting their bill to their appointed committee. These amendments should be limited to simple corrections and should not change the substance or intent of the bill. Once the patrons have begun their presentation, they may not submit amendments to their bill for the duration of the conference.

B. The title of a bill may not be amended. Delegates must make every effort to ensure that proposed amendments do not make a bill omnibus.

C. Any amendments must be written on the appropriate form, be legible, and be germane.

D. Amendments must be recognized by the chair before the final round of debate on the bill, i.e. before the chair has recognized the last “pro” speaker.

E. The patrons of the resolution must declare any amendment “friendly” (if they agree with the proposed amendment) or “unfriendly” (if they disagree).

1. Friendly amendments may be passed without debate through voice acclamation.
 2. Unfriendly amendments are debated in the appropriate format. The amendment's sponsor acts as the patron of the amendment, and the patrons of the resolution have the right to be the first con speaker in the debate.
- F. In chambers, the chair may recognize a maximum of two (2) amendments to any bill.
- G. Amendments must be in one of three forms:
1. TO DELETE... You must be specific about what part of the bill you are deleting.
 2. TO INSERT... You must be give specific wording to be inserting and the specific location of where it is to be inserted.
 3. TO SUBSTITUTE... A combination of the above.
- H. If a bill is adopted in the first chamber and amended in the second chamber, it must return to the first chamber for consideration of the amendments. When the bill is returned to the first chamber, the patron should make one of two motions below. Both motions are debatable and require a simple majority for adoption. Rejecting the amendments of the other chamber removes the bill from the docket.
1. "I move that the amendments be adopted and the bill be made to conform to the Senate/House version."
 2. "I move that the amendments be rejected."

III. Debating Bills, Amendments, and other Motions:

- A. Delegates to the General Assembly may speak when recognized by the chair. Delegates' remarks must be relevant to the items on the agenda at any given time. Delegates from other components (Governor's Cabinet, Supreme Court) may only speak with permission of the CCE staff.
- B. Once recognized, delegates must identify themselves to the session with their name and school.
- C. Delegates recognized as speakers in debate have the right to do two of the following things with their speaker's time. Speakers must inform the chair of their intentions before continuing to:
1. Address the floor/session
 2. Ask the patrons of the bill a series of questions
 3. Yield the remainder of their time to another delegate in the session
 4. Make a motion. Motions should be made after one of the previous actions.
- D. Speaker's time: unless otherwise indicated by the chair, each speaker shall have one minute to address the floor. Speakers who have been yielded time by another delegate may not yield any further time. Unused speakers' time is yielded to the chair.

E. Should delegates wish to debate a debatable motion other than the main motion, debate is limited to two rounds; each speaker shall have 20 seconds of speaking time; the delegate who originally made the motion has the right to be the first 'pro' speaker.

F. Intent Speeches: delegates may submit intent speeches during debate on bills in chambers.

1. Intent speeches are limited to 2 minutes and delivered between the end of technical questions on the bill and the beginning of debate on the bill.
2. Intent speeches may only address the chamber; intent speakers must identify themselves and request permission to address the floor.
3. Intent speakers may not yield their time to another delegate, ask the patrons questions, or make a motion.
4. Intent speeches do not count as rounds of debate.
5. Delegates may only deliver one intent speech during the conference.

IV. Conducting Business

A. Two-thirds (67%) of the assigned delegates shall constitute a quorum of the General Assembly and committees. A quorum must be present for any session to conduct the business on its docket.

B. All delegates are expected to maintain decorum, i.e. appropriate behavior, during all sessions. Delegates behaving inappropriately are subject to disciplinary action by conference officers and the CCE staff. The Delegate Code of Conduct defines further expectations for appropriate delegate behavior.

C. The CCE staff and calendar committee shall prepare the dockets for committees and chambers. The House, Senate, and their committees may amend their dockets in the following ways:

1. Add bills passed by the other chamber
2. Postpone bills to a specific time. If a bill is postponed to a certain time, it automatically has the highest priority for consideration at that time.
3. Amendments to the docket should be done only with clear, compelling reasons. The motion to amend the docket is not debatable and requires a simple majority to pass.

V. Motions

A. These motions require a second. Motions shall be ranked as follows:

1. Adjourn
2. Recess
3. Previous Question
4. Amendment
5. Adopt a Bill (Main Motion)

B. A motion shall be in order when it outranks all other pending motions. For instance, if a motion to recognize an amendment is pending, moving the previous question shall be in order.

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TABLE OF MOTIONS

Motion	When Another has the Floor	Second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote	Reconsider
Main Motion (Bill or resolution)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Only with permission from CCE staff
Adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Amend	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Appeal	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	2/3	n/a
Postpone to a certain time	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	n/a
Previous Question (end debate)	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Recess	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Reconsider	No	Yes	Yes	No	2/3	No
Point of Personal Privilege	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Suspend the Rules	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	No
Withdraw Motions	No	No	No	No	Majority	n/a
Point of Information	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Point of Order/ Parliamentary Inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

BRIEF DEFINITIONS:

Adjourn: this action ends the session and is only in order with the permission of the CCE staff.

Appeal: a legislative body may appeal a decision of its presiding officer if 2/3 of its members think that the chair has made an incorrect ruling on a procedural matter.

Reconsider: motions to reconsider any motion are only in order with the permission of the CCE staff.

Point of Personal Privilege: this point should be used to address delegates’ comfort or ability to participate in the conference session, i.e. climate control issues, PA volume, etc.

Suspension of the Rules: a successful motion to suspend the rules affects only the main motion at hand. Suspended rules are ‘back’ once voting/ranking procedures are complete.

Point of Information: these points are questions directed to the chair for factual information relevant to the debate at hand. The chair may redirect the question to a delegate who is likely to have an answer.

Point of Order: these points are questions directed to the chair asking for clarification of rules of procedure.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



SENATE COMMITTEE 1



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Morgan Thompson, Haley Warden
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An Act to Eliminate Expiration Dates on Gift Cards

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
2
3 Section 1: Term used in this law unless the context requires otherwise,
4 shall be defined as follows
5 A) Eliminate- completely remove or get rid of
6 B) Expiration- The ending of a date
7
8 Section 2: This act will stop gift cards from expiring.
9 In California, Florida, and more states they don't have expiration dates.
10
11 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to prevent people from wasting
12 money. 10% to 19% of gift cards in the USA aren't redeemed and around
13 6% aren't even used. More than \$1 trillion in gift cards in gift cards have
14 been sold.
15
16 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will be if a company puts an
17 expiration date on a gift card, they will have to pay the amount on the
18 gift card.
19
20 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
21 repealed.
22
23 Section 6: This act will take effect on March 27, 2021.



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Taylor Dunn, Kush Patel, Ace Mahaffey, Anna Fisher
School: Dyersburg Middle School

**An Act to Raise Per-Pupil Spending and Teacher Salary in
Tennessee K-12 Public Schools**

1 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government
2
3 Section 1- Terms used in this act will be defined as followed:
4 Per-Pupil: every student
5 Salary: earnings
6 Statewide: across a state
7
8 Section 2- This act would require Tennessee to raise the statewide per-
9 pupil spending by raising teacher salary. Studies show that raising
10 teachers' salaries will result in better learning for children. Higher teacher
11 salaries can also increase learning by attracting more of the best and
12 brightest college graduates into teaching.
13
14 Section 3- The 2019 average salary for a teacher in Tennessee was
15 \$50,900, 4.4% down from 2000. Tennessee's per-pupil spending is
16 \$8,810, the 7th lowest in the nation.
17
18 Section 4- The average base pay for a teacher in Tennessee in 2020 is
19 \$36,000, which is among the bottom half of the U.S. states for teacher
20 pay.
21
22 Section 5- We ask that Tennessee raise the statewide spending per-pupil
23 by raising the salaries of teachers across Tennessee by 15%.
24
25 Section 6- This act will be funded by the Tennessee Lottery.
26
27 Section 7- All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
28
29 Section 8- This act will take effect on July 31, 2020, at the start of the
30 new school year.



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Zoe Campbell, Ava Rogers
School: Northview Middle School

An Act to Lower Discrimination

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government:
2
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows:
4 A: Discrimination: the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different
5 categories of people or things
6 B: Evicted: expel (someone) from a property
7 C: De facto: a couple living together that isn't married
8
9 Section 2: This act will lower discrimination against different groups of
10 people by having people give a description of why they fired, denied
11 service, not recognized as a de facto couple, denied family services, or
12 evicted. The description must be given to the person within a week.
13
14 Section 3: The reason given must meet any of the following criteria,
15 negligence of rules set, breaking any existing laws, not having the right
16 finances, or excessive drug/alcohol abuse.
17
18 Section 4: The person who will be punished will be the one who had the
19 idea of discrimination or the one who failed to give the description to the
20 person in that will be fined.
21
22 Section 5: Failure to obey this act will result in a fine of \$500 and two
23 days in jail for the first offense. For the second offense, you will be fined
24 \$1,000 and two weeks in jail. A third offense will result in the loss of a
25 job.
26
27 Section 6: This act will cost nothing to the state but will generate revenue
28 through the fines.
29
30 Section 7: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
31 repealed.
32
33 Section 8: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law.



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Jaiana Owens, Anayah Hopkins
School: Dyersburg Middle School

**An Act to Require All Tennessee Public School Students to
Complete High School**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee Youth in Government
2
3 Section 1: Terms in this act will be defined as follows:
4 (A) Dropout- a person who abandoned a course of study
5 (B) Diploma- A certificate awarded by an educational establishment to show that
6 someone has successfully completed a course of study
7 (C) Education- The process of receiving or giving instruction, especially at a
8 school or university
9 (D) Board of Education- A body of officials elected or appointed to oversee a
10 local or state wide school system or systems.
11
12 Section 2: This act will require all students to receive their high school
13 education (diploma). Although Tennessee's highest rate of graduation was held
14 in 2017 (89.7%), 10.3% of students still dropped out. If the 10.3% of students
15 didn't get their diploma, they will have less of a chance to get a good paying
16 job. The average minimum wage per year if you DO NOT have a high school
17 diploma is only \$24,000. The average pay per year with a high school diploma
18 is \$30,500. This proves that with a diploma you will have a better chance of
19 getting a better pay, as well as being better educated and more prepared to
20 enter the workforce.
21
22 Section 3: If students earn a diploma, they will have a better chance of
23 qualifying for a college scholarship. If there is a situation where a student is
24 failing his/her classes, all schools in Tennessee should offer a program for these
25 students. The program can help students in the skills they are struggling in.
26
27 Section 4: This act will be funded by the Board of Education.
28
29 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
30
31 Section 6: This act shall take effect August 4, 2021 the public welfare requiring
32 it.



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Hailey Hepler, Reed Winstead, Tyler Stephens, Selena Gourley
School: Three Oaks Middle School

Outlaw Suppressors

- 1 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
- 2 be defined as follows:
- 3 Suppressor - sound moderator, reduces sound of guns
- 4
- 5 Section 2: This act will make it illegal to own a suppressor, with an
- 6 exception to own one with a license. People with felonies are banned to
- 7 have these under any circumstances. You will have to be 21 or older to
- 8 apply for a license.
- 9
- 10 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to reduce any type of harm towards
- 11 anyone, including yourself.
- 12
- 13 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will be \$120 fine and the
- 14 suppressor will be confiscated.
- 15
- 16 Section 5: Funding for this bill will come from the gun business. For
- 17 example, sales of guns, sales of suppressors, and license sales will be
- 18 three ways to provide funding.
- 19
- 20 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 21 repealed.
- 22
- 23 Section 7: This act will take effect on January 1, 2021.



33rd General Assembly
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Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Reece Terry, Madison McGowan, Carson Lamb
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An act to make all child abuse a class A felony under the age of 18.

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2020 TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN
- 2 GOVERNMENT:
- 3
- 4 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
- 5 be defined as follows:
- 6 a) class A: 15 to 60 years and a maximum fine for \$50,000.
- 7 b) abuse: cruel and violent treatment of a person or animal
- 8 c) Felony: an act that is made illegal by the U.S federal legislation
- 9
- 10 Section 2: This act will require any form of abuse under the age of 18 to
- 11 be considered a class A felony and will result in 40 years jail-time
- 12 maximum. The state only requires as of now 10 years in prison and a
- 13 \$50,000 dollar fine.
- 14
- 15 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to help slow or stop the child abuse
- 16 rate in Tennessee.
- 17 Research shows that 70,000 children are abused each year. More than 4
- 18 children die a day from child abuse or physical and mental injuries
- 19 resulting from the abuse inflicted in the U.S.
- 20
- 21 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will be 30-40 years in prison
- 22 with a \$50,000 fine.
- 23
- 24 Section 5: No funding needed for this bill
- 25
- 26 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 27 repealed.
- 28
- 29 Section 7: This act will take effect on January 1, 2021



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Lucas Glass, Jake Stanley, Jayden Tyler, Beaux Smith
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Stop Parents from Smoking in the Vehicle with Minors

1 Be enacted by the Tennessee Youth in Government .

2

3 Section 1- Definitions Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

4 A- Smoking-Smoking, the act of inhaling and exhaling the fumes of

5 burning plant material

6 B- Minor- for this act a minor is defined as a person aged 17 or below

7

8 Section 2- No parent shall smoke in the car with minors present in the

9 vehicle.

10

11 Section 3- If a person aged 18 or above is caught smoking with a minor

12 present, the fine will be \$250 for the first offense, the second offense

13 \$500, and for the third offense it will result in jail time for 24 hours, with

14 a fine of \$300.

15

16 Section 4- This can be done with no cost for the state, but it can in fact

17 generate money for the state government through the collection of fines.

18

19 Section 5- All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.

20

21 Section 6 - This act shall take place March 20, 2021 the public welfare

22 requiring it.



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of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Anna Hampton, Ellie Hightower, Katie Newbill, Aubrey
Lehmann
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An Act to Increase Jurors' Pay in the State of Tennessee

1 Section 1: Terms in this act are defined as followed:

2 a). Juror- a member of a jury

3 b). Jury Duty- when a U.S. citizen receives a summons from a court to

4 appear on a certain day at a certain time to potentially serve jury duty

5 c). Jury- a body of people (typically twelve in number) sworn to give a

6 verdict in a legal case on the basis of evidence submitted to them in

7 court.

8 d). Small claims court- a local court in which claims for small sums of

9 money can be heard and decided quickly and cheaply, without legal

10 representation

11

12 Section 2: In Tennessee jurors currently get paid \$11 to serve jury duty.

13 This payment is significantly low when compared to other U.S. states. For

14 example, in Arkansas jurors get paid at least \$50 to serve on the jury and

15 get paid at least \$15 to show up and not be seated, in other words not

16 needed.

17

18 Section 3: In Tennessee, we want to increase jurors' daily pay. We will

19 increase the pay to \$20 for a small claims court, and \$30 for a serious

20 case. The pay for jurors who aren't needed, but still show up will be \$10-

21 \$15, depending on how far they have to drive.

22

23 Section 4: The act will require jurors to be paid more in Tennessee.

24

25 Section 5: The money will come from the State's Government of

26 Tennessee.

27

28 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

29 repealed.

30

31 Section 7: This bill shall take effect on July 1st, 2020.

32



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of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Presley Dishman, Caleb Stone, Elisha Lane
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act To Reduce Abortion By Making the Heartbeat Bill Legal

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2020 TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

2

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act, unless context requires otherwise, shall be

4 defined as follows:

5 Abortion: the deliberate termination of a human pregnancy, most often performed

6 during the first 28 weeks of pregnancy

7 Fetus: an unborn offspring of a mammal, in particular an unborn human baby more

8 than eight weeks after conception

9 Embryo: an unborn or unhatched offspring in the process of development, in

10 particular a human offspring during the period from approximately the second to

11 the eighth week after

12 Heartbeat Bill: "a form of abortion restriction legislation in the United States which

13 makes abortions illegal as soon as the embryonic or fetal heartbeat can be

14 detected," (from Wikipedia)

15

16 Section 2: This act will ensure that the Heartbeat Bill shall go into effect, becoming

17 legal, and the number of abortions in Tennessee will be reduced to hardly any.

18

19 Section 3: The state of Tennessee alone was responsible for 1.4 percent of all

20 abortions in the United States, with the total number of abortions being an

21 estimated 12,140 in 2017. This drastically needs to change. The number of

22 abortions should be almost none, as opposed to the 12,000 in the past 2.5 years.

23 We propose to ensure that the heartbeat bill becomes legal and that the number of

24 abortions in Tennessee will be reduced to almost none by 2021.

25

26 Section 4: This action will cost approximately half a million dollars to ensure that

27 the bill does pass and that it immediately goes into effect. Funding will be provided

28 from the supporters of the Heartbeat Bill, using a GoFundMe or any other funding.

29

30 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

31

32 Section 6: This act will go into effect by January 1, 2021.



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of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Za'Nyla Lewis, Harmonnee' Smith
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Provide Daycares in Tennessee Public Schools for the Children of Teen Parents

1 Whereas the rate of teenage pregnancy is 26.6 per 1000 teen females in

2 Tennessee yet there aren't childcare programs available, which may lead

3 to parents dropping out of school or having postpartum depression,

4 therefore!

5

6 Be it enacted by 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government,

7

8 Section1: Definitions

9 Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

10 A- Daycare- daytime care for the needs of people who cannot be fully

11 independent, such as children or elderly people.

12 B- Teen pregnancy- is a pregnancy that occurs for a woman under the

13 age of 20.

14 C- Teen Parent- A person under the age of 20 who becomes a parent.

15

16 Section 2: All teenage parents in Tennessee will have the benefit of

17 childcare. This will be provided in all Tennessee public schools from

18 grades 6-12 as needed.

19

20 Section 3: Schools that are not in compliance will be fined.

21

22 Section 4: This Act will be funded by local school district's budgets and

23 additional funding from the state department of education.

24

25 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in this conflict are hereby repealed.

26

27 Section 6: The effective date of this law will be August 15, 2020.



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Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Hannah Rea, Hannah Baker, Colton Hunter
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An act to make it illegal to disclose data on individuals without consent.

1 Be in acted by the 2020 Tennessee YMCA youth in government Data are
2
3 Section 1: terms in this act unless the context requires otherwise shall be
4 defined as follows:
5 a) data- facts and statistics collected together for reference or analysis.
6 b) Disclose- is to make public or new information known.
7 c) privacy- the state of being free from being observed or disturbed by
8 other people.
9
10 Section 2: This act will make it illegal to disclose data collected on
11 individuals without consent.
12 About nine million Americans have their identity stolen a year and they
13 can lose up to millions of dollars. There are multiple kinds of theft
14
15 Section 3: To reduce the amount of identity and information stolen.
16 Varies amount of people on a day to day basis get their information stolen
17 and stolen to people who use it to gain profit for their business
18
19 Section 4: penalty for violating this law will be... going to jail for 5 years.
20
21 section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
22 repealed
23
24 Section 6: This act will take effect on January 1st, 2021

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



SENATE COMMITTEE 2



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Zoie Gonzales, Jacey Rogers
School: Three Oaks Middle School

This is an act to increase the punishment on not paying child support

1 An of 2008 the punishment for not paying child support was either 2
 2 years of jail time and considered a felony or you had to pay \$10,000. All
 3 of this would have been taken into effect if the child support was overdue
 4 for 2 years.
 5
 6 As of 2019 if child support is not paid then the punishments start with 6
 7 months jail time.
 8
 9 The goal of our bill is to increase the punishment of instead of going to
 10 jail for 6 months, we want it to go to 1 year, and if needed will be
 11 increased.
 12
 13 The child is depended of its parents till it is 18, so even if a child has
 14 divorced parents or only stays with one parent the child still needs help
 15 from both. Child support is influenced by the number of parenting days
 16 and the income of the father and the income of the mother. If a child
 17 spends 69 days or less with a parent the child support amount percentage
 18 will be increased, but if a child spends 92 days or more with a parent then
 19 the child support amount percentage will be reduced.
 20
 21 Many people ask "Do I have to pay child support even if I'm
 22 unemployed?" Yes, even if unemployed child support is still due, the
 23 parent having trouble paying the amount can talk to a judge a can ask for
 24 a short term relief. Meaning that the parent has a certain amount of time
 25 where the parent doesn't have to pay, but only until the time is up and
 26 the parent has a new job. Caring for a child is difficult, yes, as of 2015,
 27 the amount of \$21,000 is about how much it would cost to raise a baby in
 28 its first year, and somewhere around \$233,610 by the time, the child
 29 turns 18. In 2019, \$33.7 billion dollars in child support was owed, and an
 30 average of \$3,447 per year since then was actually received.



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Brooklyn Fite, Catherine Lazure
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Increase the Salaries of State Troopers in Tennessee

1 Whereas State Troopers risk their lives every day to protect Tennessee
 2 citizens and make our state a safe place to live, yet their salaries are
 3 insufficient and should be increased therefore
 4
 5 Be enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government
 6
 7 Section 1- Definitions
 8 Terms in this act shall be defined as follows
 9 A- State Trooper- a person who enforces laws on state and federal
 10 highways and sometimes assists local police jurisdiction
 11 B- Salary-a fixed regular payment, typically paid on a monthly or
 12 biweekly basis but often expressed as an annual sum, made by an
 13 employer to an employee, especially a professional or white-collar worker.
 14
 15 Section 2- We will increase the salary of state troopers in Tennessee.
 16
 17 Section 3- We would raise the beginning payment by 8.5%
 18
 19 Section 4- This will cost \$3,000,000. We would like the government to
 20 pay each State Trooper (in the state of Tennessee) 8.5% more than what
 21 they are getting now.
 22
 23 Section 5- All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
 24
 25 Section 6- This act shall take effect July 20, 2021 the public welfare
 26 requiring it.



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



**Sponsors: Katie Strayhorn, Reece Callens, Kaidence Booker,
Bryleigh Leedy**
School: Three Oaks Middle School

AN ACT TO Raise the age for military draft to 21.

- 1 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
- 2 be defined as follows:
- 3 a) DRAFT - Enforcement by the government to enter the military.
- 4
- 5 Section 2: This act will make it mandatory for people to be at least 21 to
- 6 be entered into the draft.
- 7
- 8 Section 3: The purpose of this is to make the age for being drafted, if a
- 9 draft should occur, an age at least equivalent to the age to legally
- 10 purchase tobacco and alcohol products.
- 11
- 12 Section 4: There will be no penalty.
- 13
- 14 Section 5: No funding is necessary.
- 15
- 16 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 17 repealed.
- 18
- 19 Section 7: This act will take effect on January 2, 2021.



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



**Sponsors: Sophie Davidson, Maddie Wilkerson, Pricila Romo,
Hayden Warren**
School: Northview Middle School

An Act to Prevent Drunk Driving

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
- 2
- 3 Section 1: Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows:
- 4 A: Sobriety- the act of being sober.
- 5 B: Breathalyzers- an instrument used to measure the amount of alcohol in
- 6 a person's breath.
- 7 C: Revocation- the official act of taking away someone's license.
- 8
- 9 Section 2: This act will require a minimum of two breathalyzers in order
- 10 for a bar to be licensed. The installation of breathalyzers will not allow an
- 11 intoxicated customer to leave if they do not have valid proof of a sober
- 12 ride.
- 13
- 14 Section 3: Failure to obey this act will result in a warning fine of \$75 and
- 15 suspension of their license for one month for the first offense.
- 16 For the second offense, the offender will face a fine of \$150 and a three
- 17 month license suspension.
- 18 For the third offense, the offender will face a fine of \$225 and a
- 19 suspension of their license for six months.
- 20 For the fourth offense, the offender will be faced with a \$500 fine,
- 21 revocation of their driver's license, and possibly jail time.
- 22 If the offender is pulled over by a cop and is charged with DUI fines, both
- 23 these fines and the DUI fines will have to be paid.
- 24
- 25 Section 4: This act will cost the bars of Tennessee, not the government.
- 26
- 27 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 28 repealed.
- 29
- 30 Section 6: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law.



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Morgan Peckenpaugh, Marleigh Grant, Holden Williams
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Require Tennessee Public Schools to Provide Panic Rooms for Students

1 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government

2
3 Section 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

4 A: anxiety room - a room to help with anxiety and mental health issues,
5 an anxiety room may be decorated with cheerful colors such as posters
6 and seating

7 B: anxiety: a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease, typically about an
8 imminent event or something with an uncertain outcome

9
10 Section 2: This Act requires Public Schools to provide a panic room for
11 students with anxiety. This room will give students time to calm down if
12 they are stressed or are having a panic attack. To be allowed to go into
13 the room, children must be diagnosed with mental health issues. Anxiety
14 disorders can make it difficult for children and adolescents to focus at
15 school and thrive within the classroom. Over 75% of Tennessee's
16 population has anxiety and/or depression.

17
18 Section 3:

19 To avoid children trying to take advantage of this room students would
20 need to display one or more of these symptoms:

21
22 Difficulty focusing or mind go blank

23 Feeling restless or on edge

24 Irritability

25 The feeling of adrenaline or sudden panic

26
27 Close to the room will be the counselor, and in the room there will be
28 things such as yoga mats, bean bag chairs, books, drawing pads, stress
29 balls, a bowl of apples or other fruit, and more.

30

31 Section 4: Schools that don't comply with this Act will be given a warning
32 and asked to comply by the beginning of the 21-22 school year. If they
33 don't comply by that time they will be fined \$1000.

34
35 Section 5: This will be funded by the education budget of each school
36 district.

37
38 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.

39
40 Section 7: This act shall take effect by November 1, 2020 the public
41 welfare requiring it.



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Reese Harber, Ethan Wray, Landon Daniels
School: Three Oaks Middle School

AN ACT TO require all school systems in the state of Tennessee to move to a 4 day school week.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2020 TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN
2 GOVERNMENT:

3 Section 1: No terms need to be defined.

4 Section 2: This act will move all schools to a 4 day week.
5 School absenteeism is a frequent problem. Moving to a 4 day week
6 should improve attendance.

7 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to shorten the school week to 4 days
8 and lengthen the day by 1 hour.
9 This will improve attendance and give students the much needed time for
10 rest, as well as time for independent make-up work.

11 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will be that the violating
12 system will lose part of it's state funding - not to affect teacher salaries.

13 Section 5: There will be no extra funding needed.

14 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
15 repealed.

16 Section 7: This act will take effect on June 1, 2021.



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of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Mya Cannon, Anna Greer
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Require Short Free Time in the Daily Schedule for all Students K-12 in Tennessee Public Schools

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee Youth in Government

2 Section 1- Definitions

3 Terms in this act shall be defined as follows

4 Schedule: A plan for carrying out a process or procedure.

5 Free time: Available for hobbies and other activities that you enjoy.

6 Short: A small amount of time

7 Students: A person who is studying school or college

8 Section 2- All public schools in Tennessee will provide a short free time in
9 the daily schedule of all students in all grades from kindergarten through
10 high school. Our purpose for this bill is to let students relax and exercise
11 their minds for 30 minutes and letting kids socialize with their peers. They
12 would also have an opportunity to let students have time to get away
13 from things. This would in turn help students focus better on their school
14 work and achieve more.

15 Section 4- This Act can be implemented at no cost to the state of
16 Tennessee.

17 Section 5- All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.

18 Section 6- This act will take effect on July 11, 2020.



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Amelia Langford, Cadie Burnett, Ashlynn Poe
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An act to provide funding for self defense for Tennessee ages 5-18 years.

1 An act to: This act will allow kids from the ages 5-18 to learn self-defense
2 mechanism to protect them from harm.

3
4 **Section 1:** Self-defense- the ability to be able to protect oneself and
5 prevent others from bringing harm.

6
7 **Section 2:** This act will allow kids from the ages of 5 to the age of 18 to
8 have self-defense lessons for free that are provided by the school.
9 Once they turn 19 or go to college, the lessons will stop. This will help
10 them defend themselves from harm if ever attacked or having harm done
11 upon them.

12
13 **Section 3:** The purpose of this act is to provide children to learn self-
14 defense against intruders, sexual harassers, and/or kidnappers.

15
16 **Section 4:** The penalty for violating this law will be nothing. There is not a
17 penalty

18
19 **Section 5:** Funding for this bill will come from the department of
20 education will provide any expenses or funding for a different place if not
21 held at the school provided.

22
23 **Section 6:** All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
24 repealed

25
26 **Section 7:** This act will take effect on April 18, 2020



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Razan Asad, Becca Gentry, Lizbeth Sanchez
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Make Single-Use Plastic Bottles Sold in Tennessee Biodegradable

1 BE ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE 2020 YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

2
3 **Section 1:** Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

4 **Single-Use** - designed to be used once and then disposed of or destroyed

5 **Plastic** - a synthetic material from a wide range of polymers

6 **Bottle** - a container, typically made of glass or plastic and with a narrow neck,
7 for storing liquids

8 **Biodegradable** - capable of being decomposed by bacteria or other living
9 organisms

10
11 **Section 2:** This Act requires companies such as Aquafina, Dasani, and Nestle to
12 make their single-use plastic bottles sold in Tennessee, biodegradable. Each
13 pound of regular plastic is approximately \$0.85 and a pound of biodegradable
14 plastic is \$0.89. Biodegradable plastic costs \$0.04 more per pound, however, it's
15 more beneficial than synthetic plastic.

16
17 **Section 3:** The purpose of this act is to reduce pollution and improve the
18 environment. The advantages of the bill are that biodegradable bottles only take
19 up to 2-3 weeks to decompose, while a regular plastic bottle can take up to more
20 than 450 years to decay in the environment. Bioplastic is also in no way harmful
21 to animal life, because it does not include any toxins.

22
23 **Section 4:** The cost of producing biodegradable plastic bottles will be incurred
24 by the water bottling companies, so this Act may be implemented without any
25 cost to the state of Tennessee. The companies make an average of 2 billion to 4
26 billion dollars per year, which is enough to buy and make biodegradable plastic
27 bottles. If these companies refuse to follow this Act, they will be fined \$1 million.
28 This money will be sent to different environmental groups in Tennessee.

29
30 **Section 5:** All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

31
32 **Section 6:** This act will take effect on December 31st, 2020.



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of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Jake Ebelhar, Cooper Huddlestone, Tyler Fowlkes, Jillian Jernigan
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An act to increase annual teacher salary by 2%

- 1 Section 1: Terms in this act will define as follows:
- 2 Increase: to raise
- 3 Annual: something did yearly
- 4 Salary: a fixed regular payment
- 5
- 6 Section 2: All public Tennessee schools will be required to increase
- 7 teacher salary by 2%
- 8
- 9 Section 3: This annual salary will be raised by the Tennessee State
- 10 Government
- 11
- 12 Section 4: The addition of this raise will cost roughly \$62,500,000 and will
- 13 be funded through the Tennessee State Government
- 14
- 15 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
- 16 repealed
- 17
- 18 Section 6: This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021, the public welfare
- 19 requiring it.
- 20



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Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
SENATE



Sponsors: Georgia Autry, Finley Canada, Hope Shelby
School: Three Oaks Middle School

Youth In Government 2020

- 1 An act to require seatbelts on school buses.
- 2 Seatbelt- a belt or strap securing a person to prevent injury
- 3 Lethal- cause death
- 4
- 5 This act will help protect children from injuries involving school bus
- 6 accidents. From 2007-2016 1,282 people were killed in a bus accident.
- 7
- 8 The purpose of this act is to ensure kids will be protected to and from
- 9 school. The only thing students have to protect them is a driver if they
- 10 get in an accident the driver can't help all of them at the same time. Also,
- 11 a seatbelt can ensure that the students are sitting down and won't be
- 12 distracting the driver.
- 13
- 14 Funding for this bill will come from the United States Department of
- 15 transportation
- 16
- 17 This act will take effect on February 19, 2021

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



HOUSE COMMITTEE 1



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Jon-David Binkley, Gavin Brimm
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An act to make it illegal to have an open alcoholic container in a vehicle in the state of TN.

1 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
2
3 Section 1) Terms for Bill
4 A- Alcoholic Container- Any container containing the liquid alcohol
5 B- DUI- Driving under the influence of an alcohol
6 C- Alcohol-Impaired Driving- When the drivers' blood concentrations
7 (BACs) are .08 grams per deciliter or higher.
8
9 Section 2) What this act will do?
10 This act will make it illegal to have an opened Alcoholic container in a car
11 or vehicle
12
13 Section 3) What's the Purpose?
14 The purpose of this bill is to prevent many DUI charges, car crashes,
15 deaths, and fights.
16
17 Section 4) What will be the penalty for violating this law?
18 The penalty for violating this law one time would be a \$250 fine then 48
19 hrs in jail
20 The penalty for violating this law a second time would be a \$250 fine, 48
21 hrs in jail, and your driver's license would be pulled for a month
22
23 Section 5)
24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed
25
26 Section 6) When will this act take effect?
27 This act will take effect June 1st, 2020
28



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Sponsors: Dakaya Holder, Keegan Rogers, Launa White
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Reduce Single Use Plastic Bags in Tennessee

1 Whereas, when polythene bags are burned, they produce toxic fumes and
2 pollute the air. This is not only harmful to the air, but to humans and
3 animals. Plastic in an animal's gut can prevent food digestion and can
4 lead to a very slow and painful death. Thousands of marine animals are
5 killed each year because of plastic bags, therefore
6
7 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government
8
9 Section 1: Terms in this Act shall be defined as follows:
10 A- single use plastic bag- A type of packaging made of thin, flexible,
11 plastic film used for containing and transporting food, waste, and
12 consumer goods
13
14 Section 2: This Act requires that stores charge 5 cents tax per single use
15 plastic bag. Customers would be encouraged to bring their own reusable
16 bag when they shop to avoid the use of disposable bags.
17
18 Section 3: If the store was to not comply with this law, that store will be
19 fined \$6,000 for first offence to \$10,000 for any subsequent offences.
20
21 Section 4: This Act can be implemented without a cost to the state of
22 Tennessee. The tax on plastic bags would generate income for the state.
23 If a store was to be fined it would also bring in money.
24
25 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby
26 repealed.
27
28 Section 6: This act shall take effect September 20, 2020, the public
29 welfare requiring it.



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of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Nathan Paschall, Sam Jayroe
School: Dyersburg Middle School

**An Act to Lower the Blood Alcohol Concentration Limit of Drivers
in Tennessee**

1 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government
2
3 Section 1- Terms in this act shall be defined as follows
4 A- Blood alcohol concentration (BAC)- refers to the amount of alcohol
5 present in the bloodstream.
6
7 Section 2- We call upon the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government to
8 lower the BAC (Blood Alcohol Concentration) limit from .08 to .06 in
9 order to keep people more safe and to have fewer drunk drivers on the
10 road.
11
12 Section 3- By reducing the BAC, and enforcing the lower limit we can
13 take drunk drivers off the road, and less law abiding citizens will be
14 injured and/or killed. In 2018 it was recorded that there were 380 deaths
15 in the State of Tennessee. Drunk driving accounts for 21% of traffic
16 fatalities.
17
18 Section 4- This act would cost the State of Tennessee \$25 million, but
19 with a \$600 million surplus after 2019, it will be easily paid for.
20
21 Section 5- All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
22
23 Section 6- This act shall take effect January 1, 2021, the public welfare
24 requiring it.
25



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Sponsors: Kaylee Arguello, Mckenzy Bryant, Kadance Burns,
Madison Elliot
School: Three Oaks Middle School

**An act to ban the selling of all alcoholic beverages from
professional ball games, concerts, and large public events.**

1 Section 1: Terms used in the act shall be defined as follows:
2 A. Banned- officially or legally prohibited
3 B. Public- Of or concerning the people as a whole
4 C. alcohol-a colorless volatile flammable liquid that is produced by the
5 natural fermentation of sugars and is the intoxicating constituent of wine,
6 beer, spirits, and other drinks, and is also used as an industrial solvent
7 and as fuel.
8
9 Section 2: This act will ban any concessions selling alcohol and or
10 alcoholic beverages at professional ball games/concerts and large public
11 events.
12
13 Section 3: Under this act, this penalty for any company selling alcoholic
14 beverages in a public event will be immediately removed from the
15 premises and will pay an \$85 fine.
16 The second time the company is caught they will pay a \$125 fine and will
17 be immediately removed and serve one day in jail. The third time a
18 company is caught they will pay a \$200 fine and will have their license
19 removed. The fourth time a company is caught they will pay a \$300 fine
20 and will serve a week in jail and will no longer be allowed to sell or work
21 with a company that sells alcohol.
22
23 Section 4: This act will require all facilities used for sporting events,
24 concerts, or any other public events to have a No Alcohol allowed on the
25 premises sign.
26
27 Section 5: This act will not require funding from the state budget.
28
29 Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
30 repealed.
31

32 Section 7: This bill will take effect on July 1, 2020, the public welfare
33 requiring it.



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of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Shelby Gullett, Chloe Baker, Kathleen Harrell
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act To Ban High Fructose Corn Syrup

1 Whereas high fructose corn syrup is causing the obesity rate in America
2 to rise at an alarming rate and causes other health problems and whereas
3 in Europe and other places where HFCS is banned, Europeans and others
4 do not have these issues therefore,
5

6 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government.
7

8 Section 1- Terms in this act shall be defined as the following:

9 High fructose corn syrup - artificial sugar made from corn syrup
10 Overweight - a disorder involving excessive body fat
11

12 Section 2- This Act requires that food manufacturers no longer use high
13 fructose corn syrup (HFCS) as an ingredient in their processed food.
14 HFCS will be banned as an ingredient for foods consumed by people in
15 Tennessee. HFCS leads to obesity and a ban will lower the amount of
16 overweight and obese people.
17

18 Section 3- Companies in violation of this Act will be fined \$100,000.
19

20 Section 4- The government will not have to fund this act.
21

22 Section 5- All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
23

24 Section 6- This law will take effect May 22, 2020 the public welfare
25 requiring it.



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Devin Hayward, Kaleb Mahome, Blake Stroup, Lane Stewart, Kash Cotton
School: Three Oaks Middle School

AN ACT TO allow Class D felons (non-violent offenders) to legally purchase firearms.

- 1 BE IN ENACTED BY THE 2020 TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN
- 2 GOVERNMENT:
- 3
- 4 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
- 5 be defined as follows:
- 6 a) Class D Felon- A felon that has done a non-violent or a victimless
- 7 crime that does not involve physical violence to another person.
- 8
- 9 Section 2: This act will allow non-violent offenders to legally purchase a
- 10 firearm after completing their sentence and probation.
- 11 Regardless of your crime, once you are classified a felon, you may not
- 12 own a firearm.
- 13
- 14 Section 3: The purpose of the act is to allow certain felons to possess
- 15 guns after a certain period of time.
- 16 For those people who wish to own a gun, policies should be in place for
- 17 them to do so.
- 18
- 19 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will be \$2000. The fine will
- 20 be increased to \$5000 upon a second occurrence. This penalty will fall on
- 21 the owner or management of the offending establishment.
- 22
- 23 Section 5: No funding is needed.
- 24
- 25 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 26 repealed.
- 27
- 28 Section 7: This act will take effect on January 1, 2021.



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Sponsors: Lila Orchard, Zayley Hobson, Joleigh Johnson, Leigha Parnell, Jada Bates
School: Three Oaks Middle School

AN ACT TO require all school systems to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students.

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2020 TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN
- 2 GOVERNMENT:
- 3
- 4 Section 1: No terms need to be defined.
- 5
- 6 Section 2: This act will allow families to be free of the burden of the
- 7 expense of meals at school.
- 8 Because of the data used to determine free or reduced lunches currently,
- 9 families may not qualify. That however, doesn't mean there isn't a
- 10 financial need present.
- 11
- 12 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to provide free meals to all students
- 13 in a school.
- 14
- 15 Section 4: Any school system that does not comply will be fined an
- 16 amount to be determined by the State Department of Education.
- 17
- 18 Section 5: Funding for this bill may come from either taxes already
- 19 imposed in each county and/or the TN state lottery.
- 20
- 21 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 22 repealed.
- 23
- 24 Section 7: This act will take effect on July 1, 2021.



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Sponsors: Alex Cole, Ron'niya Jones, Sarah Rector
School: Northview Middle School

An Act to Give Children a Voice during a Divorce

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government.
2
3 Section 1: Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows:
4 1. Representative- a person that represents someone in court
5 2. Suspicion- distrusted
6 3. Oblige- obey
7
8 Section 2: Children over the age of 9 should be able to have a say into
9 which parents they go to without a representative to speak for them.
10
11 Section 3: All children shall have the right of going to court and telling the
12 judge personally where they should go and why they should go there.
13
14 Section 4: If there is any suspicion of a parent's actions from a child's
15 description the law has the right to search the parent's home.
16
17 Section 5: Parents may not bribe or make the child feel as if he/she has
18 to go with that parent.
19
20 Section 6: Every 3 months, for a year, the parent with the child shall
21 have 2 random visits in case of drugs, alcohol, abuse, etc.
22
23 Section 7: If a child has siblings under the age of 9, they shall go with the
24 other child or where the judge decides.
25
26 Section 8: Failure to oblige this act will result in a fine of \$250.
27
28 Section 9: This law won't cost to be put into action.
29
30 Section 10: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
31 repealed.
32
33 Section 11: As soon as this becomes a law, it will be put into action.



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Sponsors: Maddi Beach, Anna Glass, Madison Kramer, Ethan Houchens
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Increase Fines for Littering in Tennessee

1 Whereas the sides of Tennessee's highways are strewn with unsightly
2 trash thrown from vehicles and litter is tremendously harmful to the
3 environment therefore
4
5 Be it enacted by 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government
6
7 Section 1 - Definitions
8 Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
9 A- Litter: trash, such as paper, cans, and bottles, that is left lying in an
10 open or public place.
11
12 Section 2 - For a person who litters 5 pounds or less the first offense a
13 person will have to pay \$1,000, for the second offense the person will
14 have pay \$1,500, and for the third offense the person will have to
15 complete a month of community service.
16
17 Section 3 - For a person who litters 5 pounds or more the first offense a
18 person will have to complete a month of community service or pay a fine
19 \$2,000. For the second offense a month of community service and
20 \$2,500, and for the third offense a week in jail and \$3,000.
21
22 Section 4 - This act can be implemented at little or no cost to the state of
23 Tennessee.
24
25 Section 5 - All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
26
27 Section 6 - This act shall take effect on January 2021 the public welfare
28 requiring it .



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of the
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Lilly Bullington, Keaton Hunter
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An act to teach about suicide prevention in all middle and high schools

1 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
2 be defined as follows:
3 Suicide- act of killing one's self
4 Asphyxiation- deprived of oxygen
5 Harakiri- honorable alternative to disgrace or execution
6
7 Section 2: This act will teach middle and high-schoolers about suicide
8 prevention.
9 This bill will have a class that teaches about suicide.
10 Evidence to support this is ages 15-24 averages a 5,079 suicides a year
11 in the U.S.
12
13 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to try to lower suicide numbers in
14 middle and high-schoolers.
15 The class would teach about the signs of suicide and how to help people
16 with those thoughts.
17 Evidence to support this is out of 550 people who called the hotline 80%
18 said it helped save their lives.
19
20 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will be a fine of \$50 for the
21 school.
22
23 Section 5: Funding for this bill will come from the Tennessee Board of
24 Education
25
26 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
27 repealed.
28
29 Section 7: This act will take effect on Aug. 1, 2020.
30



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of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: McKenzie Duggan, Bailey Escue, Cara Jones
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Amend TCA §39-13-302 to Create a More Rigorous Sentence For the Crime of Aggravated Kidnapping

1 Be it Enacted by the 2020 Tennessee YMCA Youth and Government
2
3 Section One:
4 Terms in this act, unless the concept requires otherwise, shall be defined
5 as follows:
6 a) Unlawful- not conforming to, permitted by, or recognized by law or
7 rules
8 b) Asportation- the detachment, movement, or carrying away of property,
9 considered an essential component of the crime of larceny
10 c) Kidnapping - the unlawful transportation, asportation and confinement
11 of a person against their will
12
13 Section Two:
14 In Criminal Law, Kidnapping is the unlawful transportation, asportation
15 and confinement of a person against their will. Thus, it is a composite
16 crime. It can also be defined as false imprisonment by means of
17 abduction, both of which are separate crimes that when committed
18 simultaneously upon the same person merge as the single crime of
19 kidnapping. The asportation/abduction element is typically but not
20 necessarily conducted by means of force or fear.
21
22 Section Three:
23 This bill is an amendment to the Law §39-13-302 b (that a person
24 commits the offense of false imprisonment when knowingly removes or
25 confines another unlawfully so as to interfere substantially with the
26 other's liberty. Aggravated kidnapping is a Class B felony. The reason for
27 this amendment is to create a more rigorous sentence for the Law §39-
28 13-302.
29
30 Section Four:

31 It would cost about 25-35 thousand dollars to amend Law §39-13-302.
32 We hope that basic funding would come from kidnapping prevention
33 programs such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.
34

35 Section Five:
36 All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
37

38 Section Six:
39 This act shall take effect June 16, 2020 the public welfare requiring it.
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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



HOUSE COMMITTEE 2



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



**Sponsors: Addyson Sherrod, Paizlee Stone, Allyssa Wilson
School: Dyersburg Middle School**

**An Act to Require Grocery Stores to Provide Signs with Phone
Numbers to File Consumer Complaints**

1 Whereas Tennessee citizens have the right to consume safe food products
2 and food providers should sell products that are safe for human
3 consumption, therefore,
4

5 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth and Government that the
6 state upholds laws and regulations appealing to consumer rights of fellow
7 citizens.

8 Requirements of these terms include the following- purchasing of
9 consumables past the regulated date, cooling methods and the proper
10 food processes, and a hotline or contact to report any complications or
11 irregularities in your local stores that contain consumables.
12

13 Section 1- Definitions

14 Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

- 15 A) Consumption- the eating, drinking, or ingesting of something or the
- 16 using up of a resource
- 17 B) Complications- a circumstance that complicates something; a difficulty
- 18 C) Inadequate- lacking the quality or quantity required; insufficient for a
- 19 purpose
- 20 D) Consumable- any product that is edible

21
22
23 Section 2- This act will require the grocer to display signs prominently on
24 every aisle with a phone number for a TDA consumer complaint hotline
25 for use to report any complications or irregularities such as expired
26 products or improper cooling methods.
27

28 Section 3- If complaints are made, an inspection will be held the week or
29 the following week of the incident. If the food provider is inadequate or
30 does not appeal to given food regulations preceding the deadline set, a
31 fee will be made of 1,500 dollars. If the food provider is incapable of
32

33 paying the fee, the store will be shut down until further notice. A scenario
34 applying to this would relate that if a customer has the opportunity to file
35 a complaint for the safety of the community, it should be a right to do so,
36 and all of the above would take place the week following the incident.
37

38 Section 4- This bill will not need funding but instead regulates the state
39 by requiring any unknown complaints or complications in the industry.
40

41 Section 5- All laws and parts of laws are hereby repealed to the
42 Confederation the State of Tennessee with food producer laws.
43

44 Section 6- This act shall take effect on August 14, 2020, the public
45 welfare requiring it.



33rd General Assembly
of the
Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Alyssa Wilson, Attie Atchison, Lillie Sanders
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An act to create a minimum wage law in Tennessee

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2020 TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH AND
2 GOVERNMENT:

3
4 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
5 be defined as follows:

- 6 A) Minimum Wage- the lowest remuneration that employers can legally
- 7 pay workers
- 8 B) Absenteeism- the practice of regularly staying away from work or
- 9 school without good reasoning
- 10 C) Economy- the wealth and resources of other countries and regions,
- 11 especially in terms of the production and consumption of goods and
- 12 services

13 Section 2: This act will stimulate consumer spending. Research shows
14 that raising the minimum wage increases the earnings of low-wage
15 workers by 40 billion dollars. Other states such as Alabama, Louisiana,
16 Mississippi, and South Carolina have also raised their minimum wage
17 close to \$2.55.

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19 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to grow the economy. Research
20 shows that raising the minimum wage helps grow the economy because it
21 results in a significant increase in employment.

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23 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will be paying up to \$1, 000
24 for each violation. The only exceptions are tipped employees, some
25 student workers, and other exempt occupations.

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27 Section 5: All Laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
28 repealed.

29
30 Section 6: This act will take effect on January 1, 2021.
31



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Sponsors: Laynie Fox, Jinny Hale, Brock Shelby, Clayton Klutts
School: Three Oaks Middle School

Raise High School Dropout Age

1 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
2 be defined as follows:

- 3 None
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- 5 Section 2: This act will change the legal dropout age in Tennessee to 19.
- 6 10.9% of high school students drop out by the age of 18. That is 10% too
- 7 many.

8 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to keep students in school to receive
9 their high school diploma. 10.9% of high school students drop out by the
10 age of 18. This needs to change.

11
12 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will be to pay a fine of \$500.
13 Section 5: No funding needed.

14
15 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
16 repealed.

17
18 Section 7: This act will take effect on January 1, 2021.
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Sponsors: Ava Seratt, Kyla Fowlkes, Will Short, KJ Davis
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Abolish Puppy Mills in Tennessee

1 Whereas, there is no law making puppy mills illegal in Tennessee and
2 whereas, puppies lives are endangered every day, therefore

3
4 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government

5 Section 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

- 6 a) puppy mills: an establishment that breeds puppies for sale, typically on
- 7 an intensive basis and in conditions regarded as inhumane.
- 8 b) euthanasia: mercy killing
- 9 c) dog breeding: is the practice of mating selected dogs with the intention
- 10 of maintaining or producing specific qualities and characteristics.

11 Section 2: This act will prohibit puppy mills from opening in Tennessee
12 and will put an end to all existing puppy mills.

13 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to prevent animal cruelty by
14 destroying existing puppy mills in Tennessee.

15 Section 4: This act will require funding from the state budget but would
16 generate revenue in local pet stores due to rescued puppies.

17 Section 5: This could have a cost ranging from \$30,000 to \$500,000. This
18 cost is impacted by how many dogs, and how much treatment the
19 Humane Society must perform.

20 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.

21 Section 7: This act shall take effect on the public welfare by August 1,
22 2020.



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Sponsors: Patrick Healy, Leo Bona
School: Dyersburg Middle School

**An Act to Change School Hours to 9am-4pm for all Tennessee
Public Schools**

1 Whereas studies have shown that teenagers perform better at school
2 when they start school at a later time, therefore

3
4 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government

5 Section 1- Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

- 6 A- Public School System: A school or grouping of schools that operate
- 7 completely free and have open enrollment

8 Section 2- We ask for all public school districts in the state of Tennessee
9 to begin at 9 AM and end at 4 PM. Studies have shown that middle school
10 and high school students perform much better at school when they have
11 over eight hours of sleep. Also, the brains of teenagers work better with a
12 later start time. Studies have shown that in teens, the secretion of the
13 sleep hormone melatonin begins at about 10:45 p.m. and continues until
14 about 8 a.m. This shows that teenagers are unable to fall asleep until
15 melatonin secretion begins and teens are also not able to awaken
16 properly and be mentally prepared for school until the melatonin secretion
17 stops.

18 Section 4- This Bill could be implemented without a cost to the state of
19 Tennessee.

20 Section 5- All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.

21 Section 6- This act shall take effect on August 1st, 2020.



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Sponsors: Ian Tittle, Zoe Brown, Chloe Strayhorn
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An Act to Reduce the amount of jail time and increase rehabilitation time for people who are found guilty of possessing unprescribed opioids.

1 Section 1: Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows:

- 2 Codeine (only available in generic form)
- 3 Fentanyl (Actiq, Duragesic, Fentora)
- 4 Hydrocodone (Hysingla ER, Zohydro ER)
- 5 Hydrocodone/acetaminophen (Lorcet, Lortab, Norco, Vicodin)
- 6 Hydromorphone (Dilaudid, Exalgo)
- 7 Meperidine (Demerol)
- 8 Methadone (Dolophine, Methadose)
- 9 Morphine (Astramorph, Avinza, Kadian, MS Contin, Ora-Morph SR)
- 10 Oxycodone (OxyContin, Oxecta, Roxicodone)
- 11 Oxycodone and acetaminophen (Percocet, Endocet, Roxicet)
- 12 Oxycodone and naloxone (Targiniq ER)
- 13
- 14

15 Section 2: This act will help people who are sentenced to jail for getting caught
16 with unprescribed opioids have a chance to redeem themselves.

17 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to help people become less dependent on
18 opioids. People will get a second chance to help themselves by decreasing their
19 addiction. Rehab will decrease their chances of relapsing.

20 Section 4: There's no penalty unless you get caught after your time is up in
21 rehab. Then you will not be able to get rehab again, and you will have to do your
22 original sentence and fine.

23 Section 5: Funding for this bill will come from the N.I.D.A. National Institute on
24 Drug Abuse

25 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

26 Section 7: This act will take effect on January 1st, 2025. This will allow it time to
27 pass through.



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Sponsors: Kate Ebelhar, Sarah Anderson
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An act to create a beverage container deposit for the state of Tennessee.

1 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government:

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3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
4 be defined as follows:

- 5 A) Bottle deposit- A system where a \$0.05-\$0.15 deposit is paid on
- 6 aluminum cans and plastic bottles and you can get those cents back by
- 7 bringing the empty cans and bottles to the supermarket or another
- 8 redemption center
- 9

10 Section 2: This act will add an extra fee to bottles and cans which can be
11 redeemed at a bottle deposit center. Research shows Tennessee
12 consumes more than 5 billion beverage containers a year, but no more
13 than 10% of them are recycled.

14 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to discourage littering and promote
15 recycling. It is said that Tennessee spends an estimated \$1.1 million a
16 year on litter abatement, and all this comes from taxes.

17 Section 4: Funding for this bill will come from the Tennessee Department
18 of Environment and Conservation (TDEC).

19 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
20 repealed.

21 Section 6: This act will take effect on January 1st, 2023.



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Sponsors: Maegan Cannon, Meredith Meeks, Hannah Robertson
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Improve Disability Employment Issues in Tennessee

1 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government
2
3 Section 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
4 A) Disability- A physical or mental condition that limits a person's
5 movements, senses, or activities.
6 B) Employment- The condition of having paid work.
7 C) SSI- Supplemental Security Income
8 D) SSDI- Social Security Disability Insurance
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10 Section 2: This is an act to increase the amount of people employed with a
11 disability and increase their income. Many people that are disabled aren't
12 allowed to work a certain amount of hours and are not paid a lot. Some
13 people don't get to work at all. Out of the 18.6 million people with
14 disabilities employed ages 16-64, 60.1% of men are employed, and
15 51.4% of women with disabilities are employed. For 2019, you can work
16 and collect your disability benefits, but your earnings can't exceed \$700
17 per month, unless someone else in your family is also disabled.
18
19 Section 3: Self-employed individuals may currently only work up to 110
20 hours per month to still be eligible for disability benefits. The income limit
21 for SSI is around \$700 per month individually and \$1,175 per month for a
22 couple.
23
24 Section 4: Disability Insurance is funded by payroll tax contributions from
25 workers and their employers. Workers currently pay a tax of 0.9% of
26 their wages, and their employers pay an equal amount. These tax
27 contributions go into the Disability Insurance trust fund. In order to put
28 this bill in act, taxes would be raised to 1.2% of workers' wages.
29
30 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
31
32 Section 6: This act shall take effect January 1, 2021 the public welfare
33 requiring it.



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Sponsors: Lana Keith, Lauren Hudson
School: Northview Middle School

An act to require two or more family members over the age of 50 to sign off on allowing a fellow family member to purchase a gun if a family member is not available, a judge can sign for the buyer of the gun after a closely evaluated background check.

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government:
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3 Section 1: Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows:
4 Firearms: This is another word for a gun that is portable or able to be
5 transported.
6 Shooting: the action or practice of firing a gun.
7 Relation: the way two or more people, objects, or concepts are
8 connected.
9 Regulation: The action or process of regulating or being regulated.
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11 Section 2: This act will require a family member, or someone of close
12 relation, to sign a waiver stating that the person buying a gun is in a good
13 mental state.
14
15 Section 3: This bill will prevent many shootings, and will restrict who gets
16 to have a gun and who doesn't.
17
18 Section 4: Under this act, the penalty for using a gun without signing the
19 waiver will result in immediate confiscation of the gun and 3 years jail
20 time.
21
22 Section 5: This act will require no money to put into effect because the
23 people who sell the guns will have to provide the waiver for the family
24 members to sign.
25
26 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
27 repealed.
28
29 Section 7: This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law.



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Sponsors: Alyssa McClure, Bailey Nolen
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Ban Phthalates from Cosmetics in Tennessee

1 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government

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3 Section 1- Definitions

4 Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

5 A- phthalates-a salt or ester of phthalic acid

6 B- diseases-a disorder of structure or function in a human, animal, or
7 plant, especially one that produces specific signs or symptoms or that
8 affects a specific location and is not simply a direct result of physical
9 injury

10 C- cosmetics- any beauty products including deodorant, makeup, nail
11 polish, and lip balm

12 Section 2- This Act will ban all forms of phthalates from all cosmetics.

13
14 Section 3- The fine on the first offense will be \$10,000. On each
15 additional offense \$20,000 will be added to the original fine.

16
17 Section 4- This bill should be of little to no cost to the government.

18
19 Section 5- All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.

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21 Section 6- This act shall take effect on March 31, 2020 the public welfare
22 requiring it.
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Sponsors: Bradley Roberts, Trey Tarkington, Lee Smith, Brady Kail
School: Northview Middle School

An Act to prevent smoking with children in a vehicle under the age of 18

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government: (Copy this
2 statement)

3 Section 1: Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows:

4 A: repealed: revoked or annulled

5 B: offense: A breach of law

6 C: enforced: caused by necessity or force

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8 Section 2: This act will make it illegal to smoke in a car with a kid under
9 18 years old because if the kid inhales the smoke it will hurt their lungs
10 more than the smoker.

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12 Section 3: Failure to obey this act will result in the first offense being a
13 fine of \$350, on the second offense 48 hours in jail and a \$1,000 fee, and
14 on the third offense it will be 15 days in jail or \$3,500 bail.

15
16 Section 4: This act will cost 0 dollars, the law will be enforced by the
17 officers on duty.

18
19 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
20 repealed.

21
22 Section 6: This act shall take effect on April 1, 2020
23



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Sponsors: Abbie Wright, James Bailey, Gabriella Stonkus, Kiley Westmoreland, Alex Roberts
School: Three Oaks Middle School

Lower ambulance costs for senior citizens without insurance

1 Section 1: Terms in this act:
2 senior citizen - a person 60 years or older

3
4 Section 2: This act will lower the cost of ambulance transportation for
5 senior citizens without insurance.

6
7 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to help senior citizens financially.

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9 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will be a fine of \$1500 to the
10 hospital and ambulance provider.

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12 Section 5: Funding for this bill will come from the state government.

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14 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
15 repealed.

16
17 Section 7: This act will take effect on June 20, 2020.



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Sponsors: Jackson Rea, Kruse Carson, Jack Romero
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Ban the Use of Cigarette/E-cigarettes in Public

1 Whereas cigarettes and e-cigarettes are a huge health hazard in the state of
2 Tennessee and they cause harm to people using it and those around them, and our
3 citizens should be protected from the harmful effects of secondhand smoke,
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5 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth In Government
6

7 **Section 1:**

8 Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

- 9 A- cigarette: is a narrow cylinder containing tobacco, that is rolled into thin paper
- 10 for smoking
- 11 B- e-cigarette: is a handheld battery-powered vaporizer that simulates smoking
- 12 C- public- of or concerning the people as a whole.
- 13

14 **Section 2:**

15 This act bans the use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes in all public places, including
16 streets, parks and outside of buildings. Tennessee citizens who choose to use
17 cigarettes and e-cigarettes may do so on private property only such as their homes
18 or vehicles.

19 **Section 3:**

20 Persons found in violation of this law will be fined \$100 on the first charge, \$150 on
21 the second charge and on third charge they will face these consequences: \$350 and
22 a minimum of 3 days in jail
23

24 **Section 4:**

25 This act may be implemented at little to no cost to the state of Tennessee. Fines
26 collected from violators of the law may generate revenue.
27

28 **Section 5:**

29 All laws of parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

30 **Section 6:**

31 This act shall go into effect on June 1, 2020 the public welfare requiring it.
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Sponsors: Emma McGavock, Lunden Lowe, Izzy Harris, Briana
Bizzle, Kloie Doolin, Cody Bell
School: Three Oaks Middle School

Give Homeless Shelters More Funds

1 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
2 be defined as follows:

3 Homeless- people without homes
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5 Section 2: This act will take money from the Tennessee Lottery to supply
6 the homeless shelters with the funds to be comfortable.
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8 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to fund homeless shelters to help all
9 homeless people.

10 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will be none.
11

12 Section 5: Funding for this bill will come from the Tennessee Lottery.
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14 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
15 repealed.
16

17 Section 7: This act will take effect on July 1, 2020.
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**Sponsors: Bailey Willard, Gracie Smith
School: Dyersburg Middle School**

**An Act to Create Safety for Horses by Making it Illegal to
Drug, and/or Euthanize Equine without Medical Reason**

1 Whereas, horses have the right to live to their full extent, therefore
2
3 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government
4
5 Section: 1-definitions
6 Terms in this act will be defined as follows:
7 a) Euthanize -putting an animal to death humanely(also referred
8 to as put down)
9 b) illegal -contrary to or forbidden by law, especially criminal law
10 c) Safety- the condition of being protected from or unlikely to
11 cause danger, risk, or injury
12 d) Equine drugging- form of drug applied to performance horses
13 in regulated competition
14 e) Equine- relating to or affecting horses or other members of the
15 horse family
16 f) Medical-relating to the science of medicine, or the treatment of
17 illness or injuries
18

19 Section : 2 This bill will help innocent horses have a right to live.
20 Racehorses shouldn't be put down just because they didn't amuse their
21 owner. This isn't right and we know it, that is why we want to change this
22 and make it a law.
23

24 Section : 3 If you don't follow this projected law, you will be given a fine
25 of \$80,000 for the first time. The second time you will be sentenced to
26 confinement for 2-3 years depending on the stature of the equine. Your
27 third disciplinary action will be 10-15 years in prison, adding on 5 years
28 every time you break this law.
29

30 Section: 4 This bill will cost nothing.It will ensure that the United States
31 will earn money when this bill is put into effect. It will not only save
32 money but help innocent horses live their lives openly.

33 Section: 5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
34
35 Section: 6 This act shall take effect by May 1, 2020 the public welfare
36 requiring it.
37
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Sponsors: Alyssa Johnson, Haidyn Carden
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An act to amend Tennessee animal cruelty registration

1 Be It Enacted By The 2020 Tennessee YMCA Youth In Government:

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3 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
4 be defined as follows: a.) Domesticated animal- Sheep, goat, cow, pig,
5 horse, dog, cat, reindeer, etc. b.) Abuse- Treat an animal/person cruelly
6 or violently. c.) Morbidly Abuse- Over abuse to the point of approaching
7 death or fatality.

8 Section 2: This act will reduce animal cruelty among children, young
9 adults, and adults. about 32% abuse is committed by children the most
10 common animal is pit bull and 1 million animals are abused in the U.S.
11 each year

12 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to punish people who are cruel to
13 animals and prohibit torture to animals.

14 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will be (for adults) 1st \$1,500
15 fine and 1 month in jail, 2nd penalty \$2,000 fine and 1 year jail time, 3rd
16 penalty \$2,500 fine and 1 year and 1 month jail time, 4th penalty \$3,000
17 fine and 2 years jail time. Children 1st 1-month juvenile detention center,
18 2nd penalty 1 yer juvenile detention center, 3rd penalties 1 year and 1-
19 month juvenile detention center, 4th penalties 2-year juvenile detention
20 center.

21 section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
22 repealed.

23 section 6: This act will take effect on July 18, 2020.
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Sponsors: Deimos Waller, Isreal Larraga, Landan Benthal
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An act to amend TCA 39-15-401, increasing the penalty for child abuse in Tennessee

1 Whereas abusing a child is a hideous crime and those who commit it
2 should be punished to the full extent possible therefore,
3

4 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government

5 Section 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

6 a) Child-a young human being below the legal age of majority.

7 b) Abuse- treat a person or an animal with cruelty or violence, especially
8 regularly or repeatedly.

9 Section 2: This act will increase the penalty for the crime of child abuse.
10 The purpose of this act is to reduce the incidences of child abuse due to
11 an increase in consequences. We hope this will be a deterrent to prevent
12 child abuse from happening. Recently 683,000 children were victims of
13 child abuse and neglect and 1,670 kids died from child abuse in the US in
14 one year.

15 In Tennessee, 9,665 children were victims of child abuse in 2016. Of
16 those victims, 26 percent experienced neglect, 27 percent experienced
17 sexual abuse and 61 percent experienced physical abuse. Almost half of
18 the victims were children aged 0-5 years.

19 Section 3:

20 TCA 39-15-401 presently states "Any person who knowingly abuses or
21 neglects a child under eighteen (18) years of age, so as to adversely
22 affect the child's health and welfare, commits a Class A misdemeanor;
23 provided, that, if the abused or neglected child is eight (8) years of age or
24 less, the penalty is a Class E felony." Class E felonies, bring prison time of
25 one to six years in Tennessee, in addition to a fine of up to \$3,000.
26 This Act would change the penalty of child abuse of any child 18 years of
27 age and younger to a class D felony in Tennessee. Those convicted of
28 child abuse would face two to 12 years' imprisonment as well as a fine of
29 up to \$5,000.
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Section 4: This law can be enacted with little to no cost to the state on Tennessee.
Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
Section 6: This act shall take effect August 28, 2020 the public welfare desperately requiring it.



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Sponsors: Alex Wilson, Lain Canada, Angelie Dykes
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An Act to increase jail sentencing and/or fine of a class A Misdemeanor for domestic violence.

1 Section 1: terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
2 be defined as the following: a class A misdemeanor (domestic violence)
3 violent or aggressive behavior within the home, typically involving the
4 violent abuse of a spouse, partner, or children.
5
6 Section 2: This act will increase the sentence from 1 year to a minimum
7 of 18 months and the fine from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
8
9 Section 3: This act is to decrease the act of domestic violence in the
10 homes of children, spouses and partners.
11
12 Section 4: The penalty of this crime of violating this law will be a result of
13 a minimum of 18 months in jail and up to 10,000 dollars. the second
14 offense will result in a minimum of 3 years in jail and up to a 20,000
15 dollar fine.
16
17 Section 5: No funds needed for this law. Used for hospital and other
18 precautions used for the act of this law.
19
20 Section 6: All laws and parts of this law in conflict with this act are hereby
21 repealed
22
23 Section 7: This act will take effect on January 1st, 2021



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Sponsors: Ella Creasy, Ally Dormer
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Lower The Suicide Rate in Tennessee

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government
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3 Section 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
4 a) suicide- the act of causing one own's death
5 b) depression-feelings of severe despondency and dejection
6 c) curriculum-the subjects comprising a course of study in a school or
7 college
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9 Section 2: This act requires every school to provide a rigorous suicide
10 prevention curriculum in efforts to decrease the suicide rate of teens in
11 Tennessee. In the state of Tennessee, suicide is the second leading cause
12 of death in school-aged teens and pre-teens ranging in ages of 10-17. A
13 study in 2017 showed that one in five Tennessee students have a mental
14 health disorder, such as depression, and unfortunately, less than half are
15 treated.
16
17 Section 3: Without this vital curriculum, one of our most precious
18 resources, youth, are continuously put at risk. The loss of a child affects
19 an entire community, and can cause extreme distress. If a school fails to
20 implement this requirement, the school will be fined \$10,000, and this
21 money will be used to help fund the programs.
22
23 Section 4: This curriculum will be funded by the state, and the curriculum
24 will be taught for one week during a health or wellness class in grades 6-
25 12. The curriculum varies for each grade. The cost of purchasing a suicide
26 prevention curriculum would be approximately \$4,500 per school.
27 Although this price may sound high, the outcome is much more significant
28 because you cannot put a price on a child's precious life.
29
30 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
31
32 Section 6: This act shall take effect by August 1, 2020.
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Sponsors: Clare Bernheisel, Alexa MacArthur, Juan Rivera
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Amend 68-102-137 of the Tennessee Code Annotated

1 Whereas, there was a dramatic increase in school shootings during the
2 previous decade, and whereas students and faculty in public schools are
3 being underprepared for school shootings and other violence, therefore,
4
5 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth In Government
6
7 Section 1: Definitions
8 Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
9 a.) Lockdown Drill - a set of procedures designed to have the occupants in
10 a building familiarize themselves with ways to protect themselves against
11 a threat, such as an armed intruder
12 b.) Public School - school supported by public funds that is free for all
13 students
14 c.) Bimonthly - done, produced, or occurring twice a month
15 d.) Unexpected - not expected or announced
16 e.) Armed Intruder - a person actively threatening lives in a populated
17 area, such as a school, with a firearm or other dangerous implement
18 f.) Firearm - a rifle, pistol, or other portable gun
19 g.) Bomb Threat - a threat to detonate an explosive or incendiary device
20 to cause property damage, death, or injuries, whether or not such a
21 device actually exists.
22 h.) State Board of Education - a board controlling an educational system
23 or a unit of it
24
25 Section 2: Currently, public schools in Tennessee are only required to
26 conduct three armed intruder drills every year, as prescribed by the State
27 Board of Education. Taking into account the epidemic of school shootings
28 that have taken place over the past few years, this is not a sufficient
29 amount of preparation. Students and faculty need to formulate
30 preventative procedures and talk about plans for action, and an annual
31 lockdown drill does not provide that opportunity.
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33 Section 3: This amendment will require public schools to administer
34 unexpected lockdown drills on a bimonthly basis. Increasing the regularity
35 of armed intruder drills will equip students for dangerous situations. It will
36 also create an environment in which students can have productive
37 conversations about things like firearms, bomb threats, and school
38 shootings, and what can be done to avoid them.
39

40 Section 4: There will be no cost to administer the supplementary
41 lockdown drills. There will be an average of 15 minutes of lost instruction
42 time, fluctuating in accordance with school population and organization,
43 which does not warrant intervention. If schools fail to comply with this
44 amendment, they will be fined a minimum of \$300, varying with the level
45 of the school's offense.
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47 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby
48 repealed.
49

50 Section 6: This act shall take effect on January 31, 2021, the public
51 welfare requiring it.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



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Sponsors: Jayden Brown, Avery Coleman, Addie Gatlin, Savannah Jones
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Require Tennessee Public Schools to Provide Free School Lunches for All Students

1 Whereas there is a stigma associated with "free lunches" that can be
2 removed if lunch is provided to all students therefore,
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4 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government,
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6 Section 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
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8 Require: Need for a particular purpose
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10 Provide: Make available for use; supply
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12 Account balance: The amount of money present in a financial repository.
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14 Discrimination: The unjust treatment of different categories of people,
15 especially on the grounds of age, race, gender, and social class.
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17 Social class: A division of society based on social and economic status.
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19 Section 2: This act will require that all Tennessee public schools provide
20 free lunches to every student who desires school lunch.
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22 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to -
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24 Decrease the discrimination in schools that is based on social class, help
25 families save money, and provide nutrition for every student.
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27 Section 4: This bill would be funded by the Tennessee Department of
28 Education and the federal lunch program. It will cost about \$2,930,813 to
provide school lunches without a payment.

Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.

Section 6: This act shall take effect on August 1, 2020 with the public
welfare requiring it.



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Sponsors: Kennedy Hill, Emma Wray, Lennon Brooks, Lainey Robey, Bella Baird
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An Act To reward parents for their child's/children's school attendance of 97% or higher.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2020 TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN
2 GOVERNMENT:
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4 Section 1: No terms need to be defined.
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6 Section 2: This act will reward parents monetarily for school attendance
7 of 97% or higher. In the state of Tennessee, absenteeism is a huge
8 problem.
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10 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to motivate parents to ensure the
11 attendance of their students.
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13 Section 4: There will be no penalty, as there is already policy in place for
14 consequences for excessive absences.
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16 Section 5: Funding for this bill will come from the TN state Lottery.
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18 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
19 repealed.
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21 Section 7: This act will take effect on January 1, 2021.



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Sponsors: Abby Wilson, Lauren Alcozer, August Walls, Landen Moore
School: Three Oaks Middle School

AN ACT TO raise the age for getting a driver's license to 18.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2020 TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN
2 GOVERNMENT:

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4 Section 1: No terms need defining.

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6 Section 2: This act will raise the legal age to get a driver's license to 18.
7 Statistics show that thousands of teenagers under 18 die in car crashes
8 every year.

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10 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to increase the age of drivers in an
11 attempt to reduce the number of teenage injuries and fatalities due to
12 automobiles.

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14 Section 4: The penalty for violating this law will remain the same as it
15 currently is for under age drivers.

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17 Section 5: No funding is required.

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19 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
20 repealed.

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22 Section 7: This act will take effect January 1, 2021.



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Sponsors: La'trell Glass, Judi-kaye Justice, Logan Haynie
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An act to Ban TN Public Schools from Using Single-use Materials in their Cafeterias

1 Whereas single use products cause environmental and health problems
2 and should not be used in schools, therefore

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4 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government.

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6 Section 1- Definitions - Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:

7 A- Styrofoam- A kind of expanded polystyrene

8 B- plate- A flat dish, typically circular, from which food is eaten or served

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10 Section 2- We want to Prevent schools from using single use materials
11 such as styrofoam plates, because when it is burned, it releases toxic
12 fumes into the air, causing further air pollution. Also, styrofoam can be
13 contaminated by chemicals. It can also affect human health and the
14 reproductive system. Some kids eat from styrofoam plates and like to
15 scrape off some leftover food with their forks. When they do this, they
16 ingest the chemicals in polystyrene, which is very dangerous to ingest.
17 School cafeterias use Styrofoam plates because they are cheap at 3.5
18 cents per tray. Metal plates cost more and school budgets are "Too low"
19 to afford them.

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21 Section 3- Schools that do not comply with this law will be fined \$1000.

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23 Section 4- There will be an initial cost for changing from single use
24 products to reusable, however schools will save money over time by not
25 having to purchase products that are thrown away on a daily basis

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27 Section 5- All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.

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29 Section 6- This act shall take effect August 1st the public welfare
30 requiring it.



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Sponsors: Lucy Moore, Ashlynn Hermann, Laney Moore, Reagan Ross
School: Northview Middle School

An Act to Make schools Environmentally friendly

- 1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government:
- 2
- 3 Section 1: Terms used in this act shall be defined as follows:
- 4 A: Environmentally: The surroundings or conditions in which a person,
- 5 animal, or plant lives.
- 6 B. Recycle: convert waste into useful things
- 7 C. Going green: The act of transforming something, such as a school,
- 8 environmentally friendly.
- 9
- 10 Section 2: This act will help make schools environmentally friendly. To do
- 11 this we will put recycling bins for paper, cardboard, and plastic in schools.
- 12 We will find companies who will take the recycled materials.
- 13
- 14 Section 3: Failure to obey this act will result in a first offence is \$150
- 15 taken from state funding and a second offence is \$300 taken from state
- 16 funding.
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- 18 Section 4: This act will cost 3 to 4 dollars a bin.
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- 20 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 21 repealed.
- 22
- 23 Section 6: This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.



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Sponsors: Breeanna Brooks, Layla Hicks
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act To Illegalize an Excessive Amount of Advertisements That Encourage Vaping

- 1 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth and Government
- 2
- 3 Section 1) Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
- 4 a) Vaping: the action or practice of inhaling and exhaling the vapor
- 5 produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device.
- 6 b) Juul: a popular, vaporized e-cigarette that uses a changeable, nicotine
- 7 salt-based liquid cartridges and temperature regulation to produce a
- 8 vapor as an alternative to regular cigarettes.
- 9 c) Advertisements: a notice or announcement in a public medium
- 10 promoting a product, service or event.
- 11
- 12 Section 2) This act will prohibit advertisements in which promote vaping.
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- 14 Section 3) The purpose of this act is to help restrain teens and students
- 15 from vaping. By putting an end to excessive vaping commercials,
- 16 promotions, and ads, we will be taking part in the prevention of teens
- 17 vaping and/or using e-cigarettes.
- 18
- 19 Section 4) We are suing Juul for the deceptive advertising of vaping for
- 20 \$1,000,000. Therefore, this bill will not cost anything.
- 21
- 22 Section 5) All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
- 23
- 24 Section 6) This act shall take effect April 20, 2020 the public welfare
- 25 requiring it.



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Sponsors: Ashlyn Jones, Rylee Rud, Anna Heinrich
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An Act to Require Hospitals to Treat Patients that go into Septic Shock with no Cost

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2020 TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN
2 GOVERNMENT:
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4 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
5 be defined as follows:
6 a) Stabilize- Process to help prevent a sick or injured person from having
7 their condition deteriorate further before they can be treated in depth at a
8 medical facility
9 b) Septic Shock- A condition in which blood pressure decreases and
10 organs fail to receive sufficient oxygen, this requires immediate medical
11 attention
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13 Section 2: This act will help those in septic shock get medical attention
14 without the costs of stabilization
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16 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to lower the cost of the medical bill
17 that a patient that went into septic shock receives if they survive the
18 episode
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20 Section 4: Funding for this bill will come from the Tennessee Department
21 of Health
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23 Section 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
24 repealed
25
26 Section 6: This act will take effect on April 12th, 2021



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Sponsors: Abby Borden, Hallie Revell, Courtney Richardson
School: Dyersburg Middle School

An Act to Require Public Schools to Provide Adequate Doors and Locks on Bathroom Stalls

1 Whereas studies have shown that people who are not allowed to use the
2 bathroom develop various illnesses; and whereas students should also
3 feel comfortable using the bathroom at school and have a right to privacy,
4 therefore,
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6 Be it enacted by the 2020 Tennessee Youth in Government
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8 Section 1- Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
9 A- Public School: A school supported by public funds
10 B- Stall Door: A lockable door on a bathroom stall
11 C- Adequate: Satisfactory or acceptable in quality or quantity
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13 Section 2- This act will require that all schools have doors with locks on
14 bathroom stalls.
15 This will ensure students' privacy and make them more comfortable at
16 school. If students do not use the restroom at school, health problems
17 can develop. Restricted use of the bladder can result in UTIs, atrophy of
18 the bladder, and sepsis.
19 Also, the situations that students are put in can cause anxiety. Even in its
20 mildest form, anxiety can cause headaches, irritability, breathing
21 problems, and increase in blood pressure.
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23 Section 3- If schools do not comply with this law, they will be fined
24 \$5,000 for the first occurrence. If schools do not comply within another
25 thirty days, they will be fined an additional \$7,000.
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27 Section 4- Each stall door costs around \$100. This act will be financed by
28 each school system's maintenance budget.
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30 Section 5- All laws and parts of laws in conflict are hereby repealed.
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32 Section 6- This act shall take effect June 1, 2020.



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Sponsors: Shay Newsom, Travis Shands, Evan Lewsader
School: Three Oaks Middle School

An act to replace six-pack rings with a biodegradable plastic

1 Section 1: Terms used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires,
2 shall be defined as follows:

- 3 (1) Biodegradable means something capable of being decomposed by
- 4 bacteria or other living organisms.
- 5 (2) Bio-based plastic means plastics that are produced from natural
- 6 things, like plants and animals.
- 7 (3) Polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) means a biodegradable plastic naturally
- 8 produced by various micro-organisms.

9 Section 2: This act will cause companies that produce/use plastic for six-
10 pack rings to replace the normal plastic, which takes 450 years to
11 decompose, with PHAs, which only takes about two months to
12 decompose.

13 Section 3: The purpose of this act is to help the environment by replacing
14 the plastic rings with polyhydroxyalkanoates, which take less time to
15 decompose in landfills and oceans and will save more oceanic life from
16 suffocating from ingesting the plastics.

17 Section 4: If the companies have not complied within the first year after
18 the act has taken effect they will be fined 5% of their proceeds from the
19 product. If they have not complied in 18 months after the act has taken
20 effect they will be fined 7.5% of their profits. And if the company has not
21 complied within two years after the bill has taken effect then the company
22 must halt production of the product until they become compliant and pay
23 10% of their earnings from the product.

24 Section 5: Funding from this bill will come from the companies they will have to
25 pay for the new PHAs to be produced for their products.

26 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

27 Section 7: This act will take effect on January 1st, 2021.



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Sponsors: Macey Armstrong, Kali Cotton, Jared Ross
School: Three Oaks Middle School

**An act to require all educational systems to install seat belts on all
school buses**

1 Section 1: terms in this act are defined as followed:

- 2 a.) require - cause to be necessary
- 3 b.) educational - relating to the provision of education
- 4 c.) systems - an organized scheme or method
- 5 d.) install - place pieces of equipment in a position ready for use
- 6 e.) seat belts - a belt or strap securing a person to prevent injury,
7 especially in a vehicle or aircraft

8 Section 2) Most school buses in Tennessee do not have seat belts and are
9 not required to have them on their buses. Many deaths and injuries have
10 occurred in the past years due to the fact that school buses do not have
11 seat belts and could be considered unsafe. With this act, we would be
12 requiring all school buses in Tennessee to have seatbelts therefore, this
13 will decrease the number of deaths and injuries sustained from school bus
14 accidents. The cost for one seatbelt ranges from \$200 to \$250. Installing
15 the seat belts in one bus costs anywhere from \$7,000 to \$11,000.

16 Section 3) a.) The first time the school does not follow this law they will
17 be put on a prohibition period until the seat belts are installed
18 b.) The second time the school will receive a fine of \$2,000
19 c.) The third time the school will receive a \$4,000 fine
20 d.) The fourth time the school will be summoned to court

21 Section 4) An act to require all educational systems to install seat belts on
22 all school buses.

23 Section 5) Funding for this bill will be provided by the state government
24 and/or the county school board

25 Section 6) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed

26 Section 7) This bill shall take place in July of the 2020-2021 school year