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CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:00 – 9:45 AM	Registration	Legislative Plaza Entrance	
9:45 – 12:00 PM	Committee Meetings		
	H-1	House Committee 1	Legislative Plaza 31
	H-2	House Committee 2	Legislative Plaza 30
	H-3	House Committee 3	Legislative Plaza 29
	H-4	House Committee 4	Legislative Plaza 16
	H-5	House Committee 5	Legislative Plaza 12
	S-1	Senate Committee 1	Senate Chambers
	S-2	Senate Committee 2	House Chambers
	S-3	Senate Committee 3	Legislative Lounge
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch	See Advisor	
1:30 PM	All Meetings Convene		
1:30 – 4:00 PM	Red House Red Senate Blue House Blue Senate	House Chambers Senate Chambers Legislative Plaza 12 Legislative Plaza 16	
4:00 PM	Closing Ceremony	House Chambers	

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WELCOME *from the* GOVERNOR

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the great of State of Tennessee, it is my pleasure to welcome delegates and guests to the 63rd Annual YMCA Youth in Government Conference. We certainly are pleased you're here and hope that you enjoy your time in Nashville, especially our beautiful State Capitol.

I hope you find inspiration as you listen to your peers, participate in debates, and interact with others who care about making Tennessee the best it can be. I trust that you will use this experience to become respectful and engaged citizens in your respective communities. You are the leaders of tomorrow, and I am certain that you will make our great state proud.

Again, welcome to Nashville. Enjoy this weekend full of fascinating conversations, good friends, and fun. Crissy and I send our very best wishes and hope that your future endeavors are filled with joy and success.

Warmest regards,

NASHVILLE B
MIDDLE SCHOOL
YIG ROSTER

Last	First	School	Component	Comm. #	Bill Number
Abbas	Marim	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-7
Adabala	Srihita	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-1
Afrakhteh	Aliya	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-2
Aghili	Sunya	Brentwood	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-1
Aiken	Madelyn	Page	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-3
Akin	Liam	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-3
Aldave	Iara	Cameron College Prep	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-1
Amsler	Jillian	Page	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-4
Amsler	Jason	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-5
Atkinson	Launna	Brentwood	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-5
Ayoub	Kerolos	Cameron College Prep	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-2
Ayres	Vivienne	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-2
Bailey	Griffin	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-7
Baker	Gavin	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-5
Balint	Michael	Page	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-5
Barbera	Kennedy	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-4
Bass	Neva	Harpeth Hall	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-1
Baugh	Patrick	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-2
Beachum	Alex	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-3
Beard	Ben	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-5
Beazley	Jared	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-1
Bender	Lauren	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-2
Berg	Halle	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-2
Blackburn	Siler	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-2
Blair	Haley	Page	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-3
Bowers	Jude	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-5
Bradley	Koda	Page	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-1
Brewer	Hannah	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-4
Briggs	Janet	Harpeth Hall	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-2
Brown	Caleb	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-5
Brown	Lily	Page	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-3
Brueher	Jon Marc	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-2	RSB/16-2-1
Bryan	Jackson	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-6
Buckner	Taylor	Page	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-3
Buechler	Ella	Page	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-3
Burgess	Colin	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-6
Burns	Ashlyn	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-1
Burton	Sydney	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-3
Cadaeu	Isabelle	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-2
Campbell	Devon	Harpeth Hall	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-2
Carollo	Hailee	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-2
Cella	Anna	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-5
Chang	Sophia	Brentwood	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-5
Chavez-Salgado	Lizzette	Cameron College Prep	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-1
Chen	Reaghan	Page	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-4
Chowbey	Pooja	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-1
Christopher	Eva	Harpeth Hall	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-3
Clay	Isaac	Page	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-1

Clay	Joshua	Page	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-5
Collins	Alayla	Cameron College Prep	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-3
Cone	Kolen	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-5
Conn	Clayton	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-5
Connor	Charles	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-7
Cook	Sarah	Harpeth Hall	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-2
Cotton	Maddy	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-5
Counts	Emma	Page	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-3
Craig	Grace	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-3
Craig	Connor	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-3
Crenshaw	Nate	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-4
Cumbee	Madison	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-2
Cyr	Quinlan	Harpeth Hall	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-2
Dahl	Jacob	Page	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-5
Dalenberg	Callum	Page	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-1
Danial	Beshoy	Cameron College Prep	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-1
Daniel	Kate	Page	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-4
Darr	Christian	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-1
Darr	Allie	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-1
Davis	Celeste	Page	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-4
Daymude	Jacob	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-3
DeSantis	Jack	Page	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-5
DeSantis	Alexa	Page	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-2
Dixit	Abhinay	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-5
Dosunmu	Ilerioluwa	Page	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-2
Doughtery	Connor	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-3
Dyapa	Ankitha	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-2
Edgeworth	Ladd	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-4
Eggleton	Alexis	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-6
Elrod	Lila	Harpeth Hall	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-2
Ezell	Jackson	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-3
Ezell	Sam	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-5
Farrell	Layla	Page	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-4
Fenelon	Nev	Harpeth Hall	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-2
Fields	Haley	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-2
Flatt	Connor	Page	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-4
Foeder	Layne	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-4
Forbes	Catherine	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-1
Forbes	Alex	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-1
Fournier	Jackson	Brentwood	RedSenate	S-2	RSB/16-2-3
Fox	Lily	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-1
Franca	Dillon	Page	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-4
Frost	Emalee	Page	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-4
Galaska	Oliver	Brentwood	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-4
Gamil	Mena	Cameron College Prep	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-2
Gardner	Alex	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-3
Garner	Parks	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-2
Gawthorpe	Gabel	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-4
Ghabrial	George	Cameron College Prep	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-2

Glavan	Miryana	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-5
Gobble	Anna	Page	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-4
Green	Frederec	Brentwood	RedSenate	S-2	RSB/16-2-3
Greenwood	Braydon	Page	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-5
Guevara	Anghelo	Cameron College Prep	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-3
Gupta	Rohan	Brentwood	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-4
Haddix	Reagan	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-6
Hall	Gunner	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-7
Hall	Adah	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-5
Hall	Gabe	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-5
Harkness	Ethan	Page	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-6
Harrell	Hollen	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-4
Harris	Sydney	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-2
Harris	Brianna	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-3
Hehmeyer	Courtney	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-2
Hendrix	Nate	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-1
Henke	Sam	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-3
Hensiek	Sophie	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-1
Hernandez	Judith	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-6
Hicks	Bradley	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-3
Hillman	Michael	Page	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-6
Hooghkirk	Valentina	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-2	RSB/16-2-2
Hoppe	Lorelei	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-1
Huang	Belle	Harpeth Hall	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-2
Hudson	Ben	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-1
Hughes	Grant	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-5
Hunt	Thomas	Page	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-5
Hunt	Garrett	Page	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-3
Hutchens	Reece	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-5
Ikejiani	Elise	Harpeth Hall	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-6
Jacobs	Olivia	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-2
Johnson	Trevor	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-5
Johnston	John Michael	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-4
Jones	Emily	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-3
Josselyn	Parker	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-2
Katsaitis	Eva	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-6
Keeble	Sophie	Harpeth Hall	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-6
Khan	Olivia	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-2	RSB/16-2-2
Kirby	Kyla	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-4
Kirk	Keigen	Page	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-3
Kirkland	Angel	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-1
Klier	Julia	Page	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-7
Knoble	Leila	Page	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-6
Kokes	Carson	Page	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-1
Kollenborn	Emily	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-3
Krebs	Grayson	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-1
Krishnaswamy	Aashna	Page	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-7
Krump	Jo	Page	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-4
Lacy	Hayden	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-2

Lamei	Ishak	Cameron College Prep	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-1
Lampley	Jesse	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-5
Landau	Samuel	Page	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-5
Lane	Kaylee	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-4
Lang	Aidan	Page	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-7
Lee	Grace	Harpeth Hall	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-3
Lee	Garrett	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-5
Lopez-Rivera	John	Cameron College Prep	RedSenate	S-2	RSB/16-2-4
Mancini	David	Page	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-4
Mancini	Mica	Page	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-1
Martinez	Justin	Cameron College Prep	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-2
Martinez Mendez	Jennifer	Cameron College Prep	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-1
Maupin	Sydney	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-3
McLaurin	Andrew	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-5
Mebel	Patton	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-2
Memon	Sarah	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-5
Menko	Ben	Page	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-4
Menko	Charlotte	Page	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-7
Meyerhoff	Patrick	Page	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-6
Milionis	Lia	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-2
Miller	Kate	Harpeth Hall	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-6
Miller Binkley	William	Page	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-4
Mills	Caroline	Brentwood	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-6
Mirza	Sareen	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-2
Mondzelewski	Josh	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-2
Moody	Aidan	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-4
Morales	Ana Laura	Page	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-4
Morkel	Stephen	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-3
Mount	Jeffrey	Brentwood	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-4
Mount	Jeffery	Brentwood	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-4
Mullis	Amelia	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-3
Murray	Faith	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-4
Myers	Tyler	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-2
Myhre	Marley	Page	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-4
Nasar	Farzaan	Page	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-2
Nichols	Walt	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-5
Nicholson	Mary	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-7
Oldham	Isabel	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-3
O'Neal	Ella	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-6
Owen	Caroline	Page	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-3
Pappas	Mikayla	Page	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-2
Patterson	Logan	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-4
Patton	Sophia	Brentwood	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-6
Peltier	Jack	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-4
Pendergrass	Micah	Page	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-3
Petrie	Mitch	Page	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-6
Petrie	Drew	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-5
Pfefferkorn	Jackson	Page	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-1
Phillips	Montgomery	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-5

Pope	Caedan	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-5
Power	Asher	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-1
Presnell	Elise	Harpeth Hall	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-2
Rader	Shali	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-4
Ramanathan	Soundharyalakshmi	Brentwood	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-1
Ramjee	Ravikiran	Brentwood	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-4
Reddy	Shri	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-5
Regala	Nina	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-5
Reyes	Cyndie	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-6
Rieschick	Paige	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-4
Riley	Morgan	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-4
Rizzardi	Jessica	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-2
Roark	Maia	Harpeth Hall	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-3
Robertson	Chase	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-1
Robinson	Avery	Brentwood	RedSenate	S-2	RSB/16-2-3
Rose	Nelson	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-4
Rose	Grace	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-2
Rovey	Carsten	Page	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-2
Rowles	Landon	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-2	RSB/16-2-1
Rucker	Luke	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-4
Russell	Morgan	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-2	RSB/16-2-2
Ryan	Catherine	Harpeth Hall	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-1
Saidy	Kate	Harpeth Hall	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-2
Sameer	Marim	Cameron College Prep	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-3
Sartore	Abby	Page	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-5
Saurers	Ainsley	Page	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-4
Sava	Logan	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-5
Scannapieco	Gus	Page	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-6
Schaefer	Alea	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-2
Schneider	Eliana	Harpeth Hall	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-2
Schreiber	Elizabeth	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-2
Schultz	Ella	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-3
Scott	Sierra	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-4
Self	Eli	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-4
Sherrod	Mae	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-1
Shonholtz	Maddy	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-1
Shreve	Madison	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-4
Silva	Gabriella	Page	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-4
Silva	Lucca	Page	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-6
Skillen	Wyatt	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-5
Skokol	Nathalie	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-1
Slaughter	Campbell	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-5
Small	Brianna	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-1
Smalley	Cathleen	Page	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-1
Smith	Ross	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-4
Smith	Sean	Page	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-4
Smith	Trevor	Page	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-4
Smith	Liam	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-5
Smith	Phoebe	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-4

Sohr	Ava	Harpeth Hall	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-1
Solan	Sara	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-3
Soto-Chavez	Elizabeth	Cameron College Prep	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-2
Spain	Cooper	Page	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-1
Sperry	Emme	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-3
Srivastava	Arnav	Page	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-1
Stachurski	Rita	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-1
Stewart	Annie	Harpeth Hall	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-1
Stinson	Overton	Page	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-7
Strohm	Anna	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-2
Stromatt	Jacob	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-3	BSB/16-3-5
Tarantin	Libby	Harpeth Hall	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-2
Thompson	Blake	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-4
Thor	Sloane	Harpeth Hall	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-6
Thresher	Justin	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-5	RHB/16-5-4
Tomlinson	Joseph	Page	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-4
Tran	Phillip	Cameron College Prep	RedSenate	S-2	RSB/16-2-4
Tresch	Kristen	Page	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-3
Trubey	Emma	Page	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-4
Turner	Ben	Page	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-6
Ungerbuehler	Ethan	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-1	RSB/16-1-1
Vadlapati	Saidhanya	Page	BlueHouse	H-5	BHB/16-5-2
Vinson	John	Page	RedSenate	S-3	RSB/16-3-3
Wade	Macey	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-3	RHB/16-3-3
Wakatsuki	Yukino	Page	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-7
Walker	Sarah	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-3	BHB/16-3-1
Webster	Finn	Page	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-4
Whatley	Ella	Hillsboro	BlueSenate	S-2	BSB/16-2-3
White	Brianna	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-3
Wiggs	Noelle	Hillsboro	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-6
Wilkins	Elise	Brentwood	RedHouse	H-2	RHB/16-2-3
Williams	Jacob	Page	RedHouse	H-1	RHB/16-1-1
Williams	Etain	Hillsboro	RedSenate	S-2	RSB/16-2-2
Wood	Emily	Harpeth Hall	BlueHouse	H-2	BHB/16-2-2
Wyckoff	Ella	Page	BlueSenate	S-1	BSB/16-1-3
Yammanur	Neethu	Page	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-3
Yoon	Logan	Hillsboro	RedHouse	H-4	RHB/16-4-5
Young	Lynleigh	Harpeth Hall	BlueHouse	H-1	BHB/16-1-3
Zukas	Morgan	Page	BlueHouse	H-4	BHB/16-4-6

UNDERSTANDING THE COMMITTEE PROCESS

What should delegates do during committee?

1. Evaluate Bills

- Evaluate bills using the criteria on the ranking form, i.e., Debate Potential, Feasibility, Statewide Impact & Correct Form
- 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. DO NOT write on the original bill.
- **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 directly after the bill's patrons have presented the bill and moved for passage.

3. Debate (The rules for debate are listed in the Committee Guidelines.)

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 forms provided, based upon the instructions given by the Chair. (This means each team will fill out only ONE ranking per bill.)
- 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

This is the outline for debate procedure in committees, Senate, and House. Keep these rules in mind when practicing presentations of your bill prior to the conference.

Committee Procedure:

Patrons' Introduction	2 Minutes
Technical Questions	2 Minutes
Con/Pro Debate	+/- 5 Minutes
Patrons' Summation	1 Minute

Amendments:

Amendment Sponsor's Introduction	1 Minute
Con/Pro Debate	1 Round
Amendment Sponsor's Summation	1 Minute

Once the General Assembly convenes, time for technical questions and con/pro debate will likely be extended, at the discretion of the officers.

LEGISLATIVE GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- **Act**

A statute (law) enacted by the legislature and signed by the governor or after 10 days allowed to become law without his signature.

Private: Application to a limited area and subdivision of government.

Public: Application to the entire state or of a general nature with local application.

- **Adjournment**

Termination of a session for that day, with the hour and day of the next meeting being set prior to adjournment.

- **Amendment**

Modification of a bill or resolution by adding or deleting the language of proposed legislation.

- **Appropriations Act**

An act which appropriates money from the state treasury during a fiscal year to implement the state operating budget. Money may provided for other items of expenditure, such as local projects, through this act.

- **Appropriations Bill**

A bill which appropriates money from the state treasury during a fiscal year to implement the state operating budget. Money may provided for other items of expenditure, such as local projects, through amendments to this bill.

Bill

A bill is proposed legislation introduced to enact a new law or change or repeal an existing law.

Original: The bill introduced into the legislature and used throughout the legislative process until engrossed.

Engrossed: A bill as passed by a house with corrections or adjustments made for amendments.

Enrolled: A bill as finally passed by both houses and prepared for signature of the presiding officers of both houses and transmittal to the governor for signature or veto.

Prefiled: A bill filed between legislative sessions with the chief clerk of either house. Prefiled bills are numbered and printed in preparation for the session.

- **Budget**

The budget is the recommended appropriations of state revenues presented by the Governor to the General Assembly in the form of a document for its consideration during the legislative session. It is filed with the chief clerks in the form of a bill and known during the budget process as the Appropriations Bill.

- **Calendar**

Consent: A bill calendar used to allow rapid floor consideration for final passage of noncontroversial bills.

Regular: Written calendars (lists of bills to be considered for third reading) required to be posted in the Senate Chamber at least 24 hours prior to consideration by the Senate or in the House Chamber at least 48 hours prior to consideration by the House. Senate rules limit the Senate calendar to 14 general bills, plus holdovers, while House rules place the maximum at 25, including any bills held over from previous calendars or any bills set by special order and excluding only those bills "bumped" or objected to on a Consent Calendar.

- **Caption**

Brief description of a bill's contents appearing on a bill and the bill's jacket. A bill's content cannot be any broader than its caption.

- **Chief Clerk**

A non-member selected by the speaker of each house to serve as its administrative officer. Bills are filed with the chief of each house.

- **Committee**

A group of legislators of one or both houses which conducts studies and/or makes recommendations to the Senate and/or House.

Conference: A committee composed of members of both houses created to propose to the two houses a means to resolve differences in a bill when the one house does not concur in amendments made by the opposite house which refuses to recede from its action. Members are appointed by the speakers of each house.

Joint: A committee composed of members of both houses.

Select: A committee established by the speaker of a house composed of members of that house for a designated purpose.

Standing: A permanent committee of the Senate or House with subject matter jurisdiction defined by rules of its house, which functions both during and between legislative sessions to conduct public hearings on proposed legislation, review proposed administrative rules, make its own studies of problems, make reports and recommendations to the house it serves.

- **Companion Bill**

Identical copies of a bill introduced in both the Senate and House.

- **Executive Order**

A written document issued by the governor to effectuate a purpose over which he has authority.

- **Fiscal Note**

A statement prepared by the Fiscal Review Committee submitted in connection with a bill, resolution or amendment to indicate its fiscal effect or estimated dollar implications as to cost or revenue.

- **Fiscal Year**

The twelve-month period for which appropriations, budgets and financial reports are made. The state's fiscal year commences on July and ends the following June 30.

- **Item Veto**

Power exercised by the governor to veto specified items (single amounts of money) of an appropriation bill, while signing the remainder of the bill into law.

- **Journal**

A daily published record of the proceedings of each house. The journal of the entire session is printed after the close of each session.

- **Legislative Intent**

The purpose for which a measure is introduced and/or passed.

- **Majority**

A constitutional majority in the Senate is 17 votes; in the House, 50 votes.

- **Resolution**

Joint: Legislation requesting a study or expressing the views or sentiments of both houses but originating in one house. After passage, the joint resolution (e.g. House Joint Resolution 55 or Senate Joint Resolution 34) is signed by both speakers and the governor.

Simple: Legislation expressing the views of one house. After passage, a House Resolution or Senate Resolution is signed by the respective speaker of the house.

- **Session**

Regular: The 90-legislative-day session held over a two-year general assembly. A general assembly will convene on the second Tuesday of January in an odd-numbered year, meet for an organizational session, and recess for about two weeks. Upon returning, the general assembly will typically meet until mid-to-late May when it adjourns. In an even-numbered year, no organizational session or recess will take place, and regular session will usually end around mid-to-late April depending upon the number of legislative days used.

Extraordinary: A session of the legislature held in the interim between regular sessions, called for a specific number of days by the governor or upon petition of two-thirds of the members elected to each house. It is restricted to matters specifically enumerated in the call. Frequently referred to as a special session.

- **Sine die Adjournment**

Final adjournment at the completion of a session.

- **Suspension of the Rules**

Parliamentary procedure whereby actions can be taken which would otherwise be out of order. A two-thirds vote of each body present and voting is required to adopt a motion to suspend the rules

- **Vote**

Formal expression of will or decision by the legislative body.

- **Yield**

The relinquishing of the floor to another member to speak or ask a question.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

Introductory Note: The YMCA Youth in Government is modeled after the Tennessee General Assembly. The circumstances of the Youth in Government have required some 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 the rules of the General Assembly or to Robert's Rules of Order for clarification or guidance.

I. Rank of Motions

Motions shall be ranked as follows:

- Adjourn
- Recess
- Lay on the Table
- Previous Question
- Amend an Amendment
- Amend the Bill
- Postpone Indefinitely
- Adopt a Bill

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.

All of these motions require a second.

1. **Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn must be made by the floor leader. It is non-debatable and shall be voted on immediately. It takes a simple majority for passage.
It should include the time the house is adjourning to, except for the final motion to adjourn, which shall specify no time (adjourn sine die).
2. **Recess:** A motion to recess should be expressed in terms of recessing for a specified length of time (e.g. recess for one hour for lunch). Or, you may recess at the call of the Speaker. A motion to recess is non-debatable and takes a simple majority for passage.
3. **Previous Question:** This is the method for ending debate immediately. As soon as this motion is made and seconded, it is voted on. It requires a two-thirds majority for adoption. If the motion fails, debate resumes as before. The previous question may be moved on any of the motions that rank below it. However, if more than one motion is pending, the person moving the previous question should specify which motion the previous question applies to. For instance, if there is a motion to amend a bill, the previous question may be moved on the motion to amend or the motion to adopt the bill. If it is moved on the motion to adopt the bill, it implicitly includes the motion to amend. If the previous question is adopted, the house will first vote on the amendment and then on the motion to adopt the bill. If the previous question applies only to the amendment, the house will vote on the amendment then continue debating the bill. Note: moving the previous question ends debate. The sponsors' summation is not part of the formal debate, so a successful previous question motion will

begin the sponsors' summation. Should the chamber wish to forego the summation, then a motion to suspend the rules to that effect is in order.

4. **Postpone to a certain time:** This is a method for delaying consideration of a bill for a specified length of time (as opposed to tabling, which postpones at the discretion of the house). The motion is debatable and requires a simple majority for adoption. It can be amended. The motion may be expressed in terms of a specific time (e.g. 3 p.m.) or in terms of a relative time (e.g. the first bill tomorrow).

If a bill is postponed to a certain time, it automatically has the highest priority for consideration at that time. No motion is necessary to bring back before the house.

5. **Amendment:** An amendment is a method of changing details within a motion to eliminate flaws, clear ambiguities, etc. It is debatable, may be amended, and takes a simple majority for adoption. In order for an amendment to be a considered it must be germane to the bill without changing its intent.

An amendment must be written and submitted to the Clerk on an amendment form before it may be considered.

After a delegate has filed an amendment with the Clerk, the Clerk shall notify the Speaker, and the Speaker shall recognize the sponsor of the amendment as soon as possible. The speaker shall then ask the Clerk to read the amendment and following its reading, the Speaker shall ask the patron of the bill whether or not it is friendly amendment. If it is friendly, it may be passed by acclamation. If it is not, and is ruled germane, debate must ensue; with the sponsor of the amendment starting debate with introductory remarks on said amendment. The sponsor of the bill or resolution has the right to be the first speaker against the unfriendly amendment in debate.

An amendment must be in one of three forms:

TO DELETE... You must be specific about what part of the bill you are deleting.

TO INSERT...You must be give specific wording to be inserting and the specific location of where it is to be inserted.

TO SUBSTITUTE... A combination of the above.

6. **Under no circumstances may the title of a bill be amended.**

If a bill is adopted in the first house and amended in the second house, it must return to the first house for consideration of the amendments. When the bill is returned to the first house, the sponsor should make one of two motions.

1) "I move that the amendments be adopted and the bill be made to

conform to the Senate/House version."

" I move that the amendments be rejected."

Neither of these amendments may be amended. They are both debatable and both require a simple majority for adoption.

7. **Postpone Indefinitely:** This is method of “freezing” a bill. It is debatable, may not be amended, and requires a simple majority for passage. If adopted, all consideration of the bill ceases and the house proceeds to consider the next bill. The only way the house can return to considering the ‘frozen’ bill is a successful motion to reconsider.
8. **Main Motion:** This is the actual consideration and vote on whether or not to adopt a bill as presented to the house by its sponsors. The bill is debatable and is subject to all motions listed above.

II. INCIDENTAL MOTIONS

9. **Incidental Motions:** Incidental motions are matters which need to be brought before the house immediately. They must pertain to the business before the house. They have no rank among themselves and outrank all other motions, except to recess or adjourn. Only one incidental motion may be pending at a time. The incidental motions are covered in rules 12-15.
10. **Point of Order:** If a delegate feels the rules of order are being breached, he/she may make a point of order, requesting the Speaker to make a ruling on the question involved. If the speaker fails to recognize the infraction, he/she may ask the delegate to explain his/her complaint. This motion does not require a second. This motion should be used with discretion and in a constructive manner.
11. **Appeals:** After the Speaker has made a ruling on a matter, such as a point of order, the house can review his/her decision. The appeal is subject to the general rule of debate, and the speaker may explain his/her decision. The Speaker does not have to relinquish the chair during the discussion. It takes a simple majority to overrule the Speaker’s decision and pass the appeal.
12. **Suspend the Rules:** When the house desires to consider a motion or do something that would violate these rules, it can suspend the Rules. A motion to suspend the rules requires a second, is subject to limited debate (one speaker for and one against), and requires a two-thirds majority for passage. A motion to suspend must include the purpose for suspending the rules. Once that purpose has been accomplished, the rules are automatically back in effect. No motion or action is necessary to reinstate the rules.
13. **Division of the House:** Immediately after a vote by acclamation, any three members of the Senate or any five members of the House may demand a placard or roll call vote. Delegates desiring a roll call vote should remember that roll call votes are time-consuming and prevent the chamber from moving on to other business. Delegates calling for division should raise their hand and call for division of the house between the first and second rap of the gavel.

REQUESTS AND INQUIRES

14. **Point of Personal Privilege:** A request to make the debate surrounding more comfortable (ex. If a delegate is not speaking loud enough, the room is too hot or too cold, etc.) This point should be used with discretion.
15. **Requests and Inquires** require no motion, second, or vote and are the prerogative of any members. They are proper at any time, but may not interrupt a speaker.

16. **Parliamentary Inquiry:** A request for the Speaker's opinion on a matter concerning the rules of procedure. This is not a request for a ruling.
17. **Point of Information:** A request for facts affecting the business at hand – directed at the chair or another member. This point should be used with discretion.

III. COMMITTEES

18. **Committees to be established:** Standing committees will be established by the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement.
19. **Officer:** There shall be a Chairperson and Co-Chairperson for each committee, who will be appointed by the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement.
20. Each delegate may serve on a committee. All delegates, including committee officers, shall be assigned to the same committee as their bill.
21. **Introductory remarks, questions, debate:** When a bill comes up in committee, the Sponsors will be given time for introductory remarks about the bill followed by a period for technical questions, after which limited debate will begin. When debate is concluded, the sponsors will be given time for closing remarks.
22. **Patrons' Rights** – Patrons' Rights may only be invoked twice during debate and only for the purpose of correcting the information or statements made by a speaker. When Patrons' Rights are invoked they do not take up a pro speech and are limited to thirty seconds. If Patrons' Rights are used incorrectly the chair reserves the right to interrupt the patron.
23. **Majority Vote:** In the final vote on any bill, a constitutional majority is necessary for passage. Otherwise, a majority of those present and voting shall decide any question, unless a two-thirds majority is specified in the rules. Persons who abstain from voting shall not be counted for either side when deciding the outcome of a vote. For the purposes of Youth in Government, a constitutional majority shall be a majority of voting members seated in the chamber. In the Red Senate, this number should be 18 (34 seats); in the Red House, this number should be 51 (100 seats). In the Blue chambers, this number will be determined by the YMCA Center for Civic Engagement.
24. **Sponsors:** The sponsors of a bill or resolution before a committee or in chambers may vote on any and all motions brought before the body, including the main motion on their bill or resolution. The sponsors may not be recognized as speakers during the formal debate unless another member of the body asks them to yield to questions or points of information.
25. **Quorum:** Two-thirds of any given body (committee or chamber) shall constitute a quorum in which to do business, including the ranking or passage or failure of bills or resolutions. Officers and delegates alike should make every effort to ensure a quorum during conference sessions.
26. **Companion Bills:** The CCE Office may, at its discretion, appoint as Companion Bills any bills submitted to different chambers of the Youth in Government by different sponsors that have the same intent and content. In such cases, should each chamber pass its Companion Bill, both bills shall be sent to the Governor's Cabinet without being sent to the other chamber for its approval.

TENNESSEE YMCA CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

TABLE OF MOTIONS

Motion	When Another has the Floor	Second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote	Reconsider
Main Motion (Bill)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Amend	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes-N
Appeal	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
Lay on the Table	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Postpone to a certain time	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes
Previous Question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Recess	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Reconsider	When Another has been assigned the floor	Yes	If motion to be reconsidered is debatable	No	Majority	No
Point of Personal Priv.	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Suspend the Rules	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	No
Withdraw Motions	No	No	No	No	Majority	Yes-N
Division	Yes	No	No	No	One	No
Point of Information	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Parliamentary Procedure Point	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



SENATE COMMITTEE 1



29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
RED SENATE



Sponsors: Jared Beazley, Christian Darr, Chase Robertson, Ethan Ungerbuehler
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

A RESOLUTION TO LOWER LOCAL SALES TAX MAXIMUM

1 WHEREAS, the Tennessee government collected \$538.6 million more than
2 expected or needed, and

3 WHEREAS, Tennessee has the highest sales tax in the U.S.A. with an
4 average rate of 9.45%. Second is Arkansas, with only 9.26%, therefore

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2016 Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature

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

7 A) Leniency- Room for change based on local decisions.

8 B) Sales Tax- A certain percent of money that is tacked on to the end of
9 any retail purchases to fund the government.

10 C) Local tax- an additional tax added onto the state tax.

11 Section 2: This act will require that the local sales tax maximum in
12 Tennessee be reduced by 1.5%, to 1.25%, decreasing by .25 % every
13 year to allow time to adjust. This will amend the current rate, 2.75%, as
14 established by the Tenn. Code Ann. 67-6-702.

15 Section 3: This would make the counties exceeding this proposed sales
16 tax rate lower their rate. However, this act still provides leniency,
17 between a total sales tax of 7.00% and 8.25%.

18 Section 4: This act will not change what sales tax applies to, as previously
19 defined by the Tennessee. Code Ann. 67-6-202.

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

22 Section 6: This act shall take effect immediately, the public welfare
23 requiring it.

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29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
RED SENATE



Sponsors: Justin Martinez, Elizabeth Soto-Chavez
School: Cameron College Prep

An Act to Improve Police Training by Implementing Implicit Bias Reduction Programs

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

3 a) Implicit Bias - judgements or stereotypes made while a person in
4 consciously unaware.

5 b) Recruit Training - initial training of a new police officer

6 c) Annual in-Service Training- training programs police officers must
7 attend annually

8 d) Police Officer - a person whose job is to enforce laws, investigate
9 crimes, and make arrests

10 e) Employing Agency - company or organization that is responsible for
11 hiring and training of police officers.

12 Section 2: This act will require employing agencies of police officers to
13 include as part of their recruit and in-service training an implicit bias
14 reduction program.

15 Section 3: If a police officer does attend this program annually they will
16 lose their certification.

17 Section 4: Any employing agency that does not comply with this act will
18 be fined \$250,000.

19 Section 5: Funding will come from the existing budget of the Tennessee
20 Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

21 Section 6: Employing agencies will have until the next calendar year after
22 passage to comply with the conditions set forth in this act.

23 Section 7: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
24 repealed.

25



29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
RED SENATE



**Sponsors: Stephen Morkel, Jackson Ezell, Alex Beachum
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School**

**An Act to Improve the Problematic Probation System And
Penitentiary Overcrowding**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE

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3 Section I: All terms by this act will be defined as follows:

4 Probation- the release of an offender from detention, subject to a period
5 of good behavior under supervision.

6 Probation Officer- An officer charged with assisting courts in the
7 investigation of defendants' backgrounds and circumstances to assist in
8 the determination of appropriate sentences and in the supervision of
9 convicted offenders who have received a sentence of probation.

10 Probationer- a person who is serving a probationary or trial period in a
11 job or position to which they are newly appointed.

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13 Section II: Probation Officers shall be assigned in multiple local Sheriff
14 Offices.

15 200 probation officers shall be implemented.

16 The cost to converse with probation officers shall be removed.

17 20 workers shall be hired that will assist probationers in searching for a
18 job and stable housing.

19 When a probationer visits a probation officer, they shall take a drug test,
20 be investigated on their search for or holding of a job.

21 The frequency at which the probationers must converse with probation
22 officers shall be once every two weeks. This will allow for the probationers
23 to stay on the right path, as well as sustaining a job.
24

25 Section III: 200 probation officers will be appointed along with sheriff
26 offices being possible venues for meetings between probationers and
27 probation officers.

28 The removed cost of conversing will allow for probationers to more easily
29 to be able meet with the assigned officer and stay on probation, for
30 missing multiple meetings will present multiple consequences, similar to
31 going back to prison.
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33 Section IV: Annually, this will cost nearly \$14 million, \$9 million to
34 provide the salary of the newly appointed officers and social workers. The
35 remaining \$5 million will restore the income for offices from removing the
36 cost of congregation. The funding is currently within the tax budget. Also,
37 the state will be able to reduce the cost through more individual prisoners
38 being on probation instead of costing \$16000 a year for care in detention
39 centers.

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41 Section V: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
42 repealed.

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44 Section VI: This law shall go into effect as soon as July 1, 2016.
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29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
RED SENATE



Sponsors: Dillon Franca, Ben Menko, David Mancini, William Miller
Binkley
School: Page Middle School

**AN ACT TO REMOVE THE "DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME" TIME CHANGE
FROM TENNESSEE'S SOCIETY**

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH
2 LEGISLATURE:
3 The daylight saving time will be removed. All government, public and
4 private companies will run on a constant time standard that will not
5 change.
6 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context or otherwise requires,
7 the following definitions apply:
8 Remove: To take away; no longer use.
9 Daylight Saving Time: A periodic event in which the state time either
10 moves one hour forward, or one our back.
11 SECTION 3: All public, government, and private businesses are expected
12 to abide by this law.
13 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with or regarding this
14 law are hereby repealed.
15 SECTION 5: This act will take effect on January 1st at 12:07 a.m.
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Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Arnav Srivastava, Isaac Clay, Jackson Pfefferkorn
School: Page Middle School

**AN ACT TO MAKE PEOPLE CONVICTED OF NONVIOLENT CRIMES
DO COMMUNITY SERVICE IF CANNOT PAY THE FINE**

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. Nonviolent- Crimes that do not involve the exertion of any force or
5 injury to another person.
6 b. Crimes- An offensive action, prosecutable by law.
7 c. Convicted- A declaration that someone is guilty of criminal offense.
8 SECTION 2: Anyone convicted of nonviolent crimes will be required to
9 perform community service if they are unable to pay the prescribed fine
10 in oppose to going to prison.
11 SECTION 3: If that person refuses to do the community service or pay
12 the fine they will be sentenced to the original time in jail.
13 SECTION 4: The government will provide an organization that will assign
14 the person with different acts of community service that they will have to
15 do in a certain amount of time.
16 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
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20 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect June 27, 2016, the public welfare
21 requiring it.
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29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Parks Garner, Parker Josselyn, Hayden Lacy, Grace Rose
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

**AN ACT TO ALLOW AUTHORIZED FIREARMS ON SCHOOL CAMPUS
TO BE USED BY TRAINED TEACHERS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 Teacher - a person, with a license, who teaches or instructs, especially as

6 a profession

7 Firearm - Glock 17, the firearm usually used by local police officers.

8 Safe - a law enforcement officer-approved container to hold firearms and

9 is locked by an eight digit pass code.

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11 Section 2) All public school teachers in the State of Tennessee, if

12 approved by district and school administration, will be allowed to have

13 access to authorized firearms located within safes approved by local

14 authorities.

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16 Section 3) In order to have access to the authorized firearms, teachers

17 must complete an appropriate training course, created by local police

18 departments.

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20 Section 4) The funding for the firearms and training will be provided by

21 each school district that chooses to enter this program.

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23 Section 5) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

24 repealed.

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26 Section 6) This act will be enacted by the State upon passage, and

27 schools may comply immediately thereafter.

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Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Ella Buechler, Kristen Tresch, Ella Wyckoff
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO PROVIDE STUDENTS PHYSICAL EDUCATION

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:

2 Schools between the grades of Kindergarten and twelfth (12) are required

3 to allow their students at least 30 minutes a school day of physical

4 activity including running, jumping, and any other sports.

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6 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,

7 the following definitions apply.

8 Schools: An institution for the teaching of people

9 Sports: a contest or game in which people do certain physical activities

10 according to a specific set of rules and compete against each other.

11 Physical activities: Muscle movement that requires a certain amount of

12 energy.

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14 SECTION 3: Violation of this law shall result in a fine of \$15,000.

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16 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

17 repealed.

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19 SECTION 5: This act shall take effect August 1, 2016 upon passing, the

20 public welfare requiring it.

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Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Ross Smith, Blake Thompson, Kennedy Barbera, Faith Murray
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

AN ACT TO INCREASE TAXES ON CIGARETTES

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
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- 3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
- 4 shall be defined as followed:
- 5 a) Cigarette - a thin cylinder with finely cut tobacco rolled in paper for
- 6 smoking.
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- 8 Section 2) A twenty-five percent tax will be imposed on all cigarettes sold
- 9 within the State of Tennessee.
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- 11 Section 3) All revenue received from this tax increase will go toward
- 12 producing print, television, and internet advertisements aimed at
- 13 eliminating the use of tobacco products.
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- 15 Section 4) This act will not require funding from the State budget but will
- 16 generate revenue resulting from the tax increase.
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- 18 Section 5) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 19 repealed.
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- 21 Section 6) This act shall take effect July 1, 2016 the public welfare
- 22 requiring it.
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Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Trevor Johnson, Caleb Brown, Ben Beard
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

AN ACT TO REQUIRE WELFARE RECIPIENTS TO SEEK AND OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
- 2 Section 1) Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined
- 3 as follows:
- 4 a) Welfare - financial or other assistance to an individual or family from a city,
- 5 state, or national government
- 6 b) Full-time Job - A paid position of regular employment (at least forty hours per
- 7 week)
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- 9 Section 2) Any individual who is receiving financial assistance from the State for
- 10 more than six months will be required to apply for a full-time job through a State-
- 11 run website, which is open to all applicants.
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- 13 Section 3) Any individual who is fired from a full-time job that the State provided
- 14 will be revoked of half of their welfare benefits. The individual will also be allowed
- 15 to re-enter the job placement program.
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- 17 Section 4) Companies who participate in the program and have hired at least five
- 18 employees will receive an income tax credit of \$2,500 per year, if they hire at least
- 19 5 new employees.
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- 21 Section 5) This program will cost the State \$500,000.00 per year, but will be
- 22 repaid through increased tax revenue from participants of the job placement
- 23 program, as well as savings from decreased welfare use.
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- 25 Section 6) The State will provide a website for welfare recipients to apply for jobs.
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- 27 Section 7) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.
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- 29 Section 8) This act will be enacted by the State upon passage, and all individuals
- 30 receiving welfare must comply with the guidelines by January 1st, 2017.



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Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Elise Ikejiani, Sloane Thor, Kate Miller, Sophie Keeble
School: Harpeth Hall

**AN ACT TO REVISE TENNESSEE CODE 39-17-1308(a) (1); TO
ALLOW OPEN-CARRYING OF FIREARMS IN TENNESSEE.**

1 Section 1:
2 Terms are as follows:
3 Open Carry - the practice of openly carrying a firearm on one's person in
4 public.
5 Concealed Carry - the practice of carrying a concealed firearm on one's
6 person in public.
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8 Section 2:
9 Open carrying does reduce crime. In 1985, the US Department of Justice
10 did a survey of prisoners and discovered that 57% of them agreed that
11 "criminals are more worried about meeting an armed victim than they are
12 about running into the police." Gary Kleck discovered that 92% of
13 criminal attacks are deterred when the criminal merely catches a glimpse
14 of a gun. By inference, if a criminal were to shoot at a restaurant but as
15 they approached it and saw a citizen with a gun go inside, they would
16 most likely go to another place.
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18 Section 3:
19 Open carrying of firearms will become legal in Tennessee.
20 Requirements and Fees:
21 If a person wants an open-carrying gun license, that person has to fill out
22 an open-carrying license form at Driver Service Center and also go to an
23 open carry class. The cost of the an open carrying class is paid through
24 the additional \$15 fee in the license form, but the actual license costs are
25 the same as a concealed carry license using the amount of years the
26 license is wanted. If a person owns an open-carry license, their name and
27 license registration number must be engraved in their gun. Their license
28 papers also have to be with them while they are open-carrying their gun.
29 Open carrying is not allowed at following places-
30 "In law enforcement or correctional facilities such as a prison;
31 In any space occupied by state or federal employees, including state and
32 federal courthouses;

33 In schools or on school grounds;
34 In areas of assemblies, parades, funerals or demonstrations;
35 In any place where alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed (such as
36 some restaurants) if the premises are posted as prohibited;
37 In any area where concealed handguns are prohibited by federal law;
38 In any place of business that has posted a sign banning concealed
39 weapons on its premises;
40 By any person while consuming alcohol or while under the influence of
41 alcohol or any controlled substances (unless obtained legally and taken as
42 directed by a physician)."
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44 Section 4:
45 There are no training facility costs or license costs for the government
46 because they are paid through the fees and costs paid to own a license.
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48 Section 5:
49 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.
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51 Section 6:
52 This act shall take effect upon January 4, 2017, the public welfare
53 requiring it.
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BLUE SENATE



**Sponsors: Julia Klier, Charlotte Menko, Aashna Krishnaswamy,
Yukino Wakatsuki**
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO put solar panel on every new school 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. New schools- The schools that have not finished their construction or
5 electrical wiring.
6 b. Solar Panel- Panels that provide energy from sunlight.
7 c. Energy- All power that the school runs on.

8 SECTION 2: New schools in Tennessee must make 50% of their energy
9 from solar panels.

10 SECTION 3: New schools cannot be used until construction of the
11 renewable energy is complete.

12 SECTION 4: The cost must be budgeted into the cost for the construction
13 of the new school. This initial cost will be offset by the decreased costs of
14 less energy needing to be purchased .

15 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
16 repealed.

17 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect by July 20th, 2016 for schools
18 starting construction after July 20th, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



SENATE COMMITTEE 2



29th General Assembly of the
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Youth in Government
RED SENATE



Sponsors: Landon Rowles, Jon Marc Brueher
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

An Act To Ban Junk Food From Schools

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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

3 Obesity: The condition of being grossly fat or overweight.

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5 Section 2: This act requires schools to have students eat their fruit provided
6 by the school at lunch and breakfast. This bill also requires high schools to ban
7 unhealthy foods and drinks in their vending machines, including:

8 Take out Coke and Pepsi products. Replace them with vitamin water.

9 lemonade, tea, orange and cranberry juice and V8 products.

10 Replace unhealthy foods with Sun Chips, Snyder's of Hanover Mini Pretzels,
11 Smartfood Reduced-Fat Popcorn, Fig Newtons and Nature Valley Granola Bar,
12 Oats & Honey.

13 This law will make it to where the students in high school will have healthy
14 snack and drink choices. The students will have choices between a wide
15 variety of foods and drinks.

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17 Section 3: The effects that this law will bring on is that, schools and the state
18 will become healthier. There will be less child obesity, which lead to better
19 learning abilities, better sports abilities, better productivity in school, and
20 college readiness will increase. There are very few things that will be built. The
21 only things that will be added are new (or old vending machines) with a wide
22 variety of new healthy foods and drinks. The punishment for breaking this law
23 is a fine of \$100 towards whoever broke this law.

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25 Section 4: There will be no real cost for this law, but it may bring in revenue.

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27 Section 5: There are no current laws in effect within the public/private schools
28 in Tennessee that need to be repealed.

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30 Section 6: This law will be in effect on the last day of educational learning
31 before summer break of the school year of 2015-2016



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Youth in Government
RED SENATE



Sponsors: Valentina Hooghkirk, Olivia Khan, Morgan Russell, Etain Williams
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

**AN ACT TO ENFORCE BACKGROUND CHECKS AND REGULATIONS
ON PUPPY MILLS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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

3 a) Puppy mill - an establishment that breeds puppies for sale, typically on an

4 intensive basis and in conditions regarded as inhumane.

5 b) Monitors: people who observe and check the progress or quality of
6 (something) over a period of time; keep under systematic review.

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8 Section 2: This act requires all canine breeders get their dog breeding license
9 renewed every 6 months.

10 Background checks before every license renewal will be necessary. These
11 inspections will be held by paid monitors. These monitors will complete a
12 thorough report explaining the conditions of the mill. The dates of these
13 inspections will neither be released nor will they be consistent each year, to
14 prevent breeders from altering the living conditions. All dogs will be required to
15 be up to date on all shots, paid for by the dog breeder, and must have proper
16 living conditions.

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18 Section 3: For this bill to be effective, there is a need for licensed inspectors to
19 check the puppy mills to confirm that their living conditions are safe and
20 humane. This calls for about fifty inspectors, who will inspect four to five puppy
21 mills each in a specific time frame. These inspectors will be animal shelter
22 volunteers provided by the state. They will be paid 1000 United States dollars
23 for going through one week of training and 500 United States dollars per two
24 inspections.

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26 Section 4: If enacted, this bill will cost \$100,000 in the first year. It will cost an
27 additional \$50,000 dollars every year after that, assuming that the same
28 inspectors will be used in years to follow.

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

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32 Section 6: This law will go into effect on January 1st, 2017. The first week of
33 training will be held January 20th, 2017.



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RED SENATE



Sponsors: Frederec Green, Jackson Fournier, Avery Robinson

School: Brentwood Middle School

An Act To Ready Homeless People For Jobs

1 Section 1:

2 Homelessness : A temporary condition that people fall into when they
3 cannot afford to pay for a place to live, or when their current home is
4 unsafe or unstable.

5 Job Interview: A one-on-one interview consisting of a conversation
6 between a job applicant and a representative of an employer which is
7 conducted to assess whether the applicant should be hired

8 Resume: A brief written account of personal, educational, and
9 professional qualifications and experience, as that prepared by an
10 applicant for a job.

11 Corporate Trainer: is an educator or instructor who works in a business
12 environment and conveys knowledge or skills to a group of employees.

13 Rehabilitate : restore (someone) to health or normal life by training and
14 therapy after imprisonment, addiction, or illness.

15 Section 2:

16 This act will reintroduce homeless men and women to the growing job
17 market of Tennessee, especially in the Nashville Area.

18 Section 3:

19 A corporate trainer will be hired to come and work with a group of
20 homeless people from various shelters around the Nashville area or in
21 other areas where homelessness rates are high. The corporate trainer will
22 work with the homeless people giving them the skills they need to get a
23 simple job that will help them get off their feet. The trainers have specific
24 skills to deal with getting homeless people back on their feet. It will cost
25 about \$89,170 per year per trainer, and we will get this money from the
26 \$21 million federal grant to organizations across Tennessee from the U.S.
27 Department of Housing and Urban Development.

28 Section 4:

32 The trainers and homeless will gather in local business that have allowed
33 their office buildings to be used for the meetings. To persuade the
34 business to host the meeting they will be offered a tax reduction 7.5%.
35 The meeting will be held on Sundays or Saturdays. The hosting business
36 will decide what day the meeting will take place.

37 Section 5:

38 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed

39 Section 6:

40 This act shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law

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RED SENATE



Sponsors: Phillip Tran, John Lopez-Rivera
School: Cameron College Prep

An Act to Reduce the Speed Limit on Certain Highways

1 Section 1: Terms used in this act will be defined as follows unless the
2 context requires otherwise:
3 a) Highway - a controlled-access road with four or more lanes, which are
4 designated as being on the state system of highways or the state system
5 of interstate highways
6 b) Speed limit - maximum or minimum speed that vehicles can be at
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8 Section 2: This act changes the speed limits as defined in Tenn. Code
9 Ann. 49-4-907 to be as follows:
10 a) The maximum speed limit shall be 60 miles per hour on highways
11 b) The minimum speed limit shall be 45 miles per hour on highways
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13 Section 3: The Tennessee Department of Transportation is required to
14 change all speed limits signs on highways that are affected by this act.
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16 Section 4: No other parts of Tenn. Code Ann. 49-4-907 will be modified.
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18 Section 5: There will be a one month grace period after speed limit signs
19 have been changed on speeding fines for driver speeds at or under prior
20 speed limits
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22 Section 6: This act is estimated to cost between 300,000 and 500,000
23 dollars.
24
25 Section 7: Funding for this act will come from the existing Tennessee
26 Department of Transportation budget.
27
28 Section 8: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
29 repealed.
30
31 Section 9: This act will be enacted upon passage the public welfare
32 requiring it.
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BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Cathleen Smalley, Cooper Spain, Mica Mancini, Koda Bradley
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO REQUIRE PEOPLE TO WEAR A SEATBELT WHILE IN A VEHICLE

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
2 Any person, male or female, must wear a seatbelt or else allow an officer
3 to pull you over.
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5 Section 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires, the
6 following definitions apply:
7 Police Officer : the local constabulary and indeed national analogous
8 forces. Police have powers of search, seizure and to obtain information
9 beyond that of the ordinary citizen.
10 Seat Belt : a strap in a vehicle that fastens around you, holding you in
11 your seat to reduce the risk of injury in an accident
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13 Section 3: Failure to abide by this law as an will result in a fine of
14 \$100.00
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16 Section 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
17 repealed.
18
19 Section 5: This law shall go into effect in exactly one week after passing
20 the public welfare requiring it..
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BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Anna Strohman, Hailee Carollo, Patton Mebel, Siler Blackburn
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

**AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS IN COMMERCIAL
BUSINESSES IN TENNESSEE**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
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3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
4 shall be defined as follows:
5 a) Plastic bag- Any bag made of plastic typically used by commercial
6 businesses to hold purchased goods
7 b) Reusable bag- Any bag that is specifically designed and manufactured
8 to be used multiple times.
9 c) Commercial business- An industrial, retail, or commercial business
10 office within the limits of a specific city
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12 Section 2) Commercial businesses are prohibited from using plastic bags
13 to bag products sold in their stores and must provide an alternative
14 packing item such as paper, fabric, or reusable bags.
15
16 Section 3) Any commercial businesses that fail to discontinue using plastic
17 bags and have reusable bags accessible to purchasers will be fined three-
18 thousand dollars for every month they do not comply.
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20 Section 4) This act will not require funding from the State budget but may
21 generate revenue resulting from fines.
22
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 be enacted by the state upon passage, and
27 businesses must comply with guidelines by February 1, 2017.
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Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Sara Solan, Ella Whatley
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE DRESS CODE FOR PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
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3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
4 shall be defined as follows:
5 a) Dress Code - the clothing permitted and not-permitted in public
6 schools
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8 Section 2) Public schools are to have a specific dress code allowing
9 students to be able to wear the following articles of clothing:
10 - Pants shall be no shorter than 5 inches above the knee
11 - Holes in pants shall be allowed as long as they do not exceed the pant
12 length limit
13 - Shirts shall not show stomach or back at the bottom
14 - Leggings shall be allowed as long as they are opaque
15 - Shoulder straps must be at least ½ inch wide
16 - Sandals with straps shall be allowed
17 - Thick or wedged heels as long as they do not exceed 2 inches of height
18 are allowed
19
20 Section 3) School districts found in violation of this act will lose state
21 funding for by five hundred dollars per offense.
22
23 Section 4) All and any laws in conflict with this act will be repealed.
24
25 Section 5) This act will not require funding from the state budget, but
26 may generate revenue resulting from fines.
27
28 Section 6) This act will be enacted by the state upon passage, and public
29 schools are required to comply with regulations by July 1, 2016.
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BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Madison Shreve, Shali Rader
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

AN ACT TO BAN THE PRACTICE OF DECLAWING IN TENNESSEE

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

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3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as followed:

5 a) Declawing- an amputation of the cat's claws from the first phalanx

6 b) House cat- a domestic cat, especially one kept as a household pet,

7 kept exclusively indoors

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9 Section 2) Veterinarians in the State of Tennessee will no longer be

10 allowed to declaw cats.

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12 Section 3) Any veterinarian who violates this law will be subject to a fine

13 of two thousand dollars per cat.

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15 Section 3) Any cat owner will also pay a fine of two thousand dollars.

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17 Section 4) This act will not require funding from the State budget but may

18 generate revenue resulting from fines

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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 July 1, 2016 the public welfare

24 requiring it.

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BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Launna Atkinson, Sophia Chang
School: Brentwood Middle School

An Act To Create A Tennessee Minimum Wage Law

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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

4 defined as follows:

5 Minimum Wage: the lowest wage permitted by a law or a special agreement

6 Federal Minimum Wage: the minimum wage in a country or region as

7 designated by its government

8 Academic Research: careful study of a given subject, field, or problem,

9 undertaken to discover facts or principles

10 Economy: the wealth and resources of a country or region; the production and

11 consumption of goods and services

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13 Section 2: This act will create a minimum wage law in Tennessee on account of

14 the fact that, at the moment, the citizens of Tennessee follow the federal

15 minimum wage law.

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17 Section 3: This will raise the minimum wage within Tennessee's borders by 25

18 cents every four years. Rather than refuse the raise when a worker is demoted,

19 or is changing jobs, we shall still grant a minimum wage raise regardless.

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21 Section 4: If the minimum wage is raised, then rather than lose their jobs,

22 workers will be encouraged to spend their extra earnings on purchases, there

23 will be a boost in demands and services, and that will help stimulate the

24 economy, thus helping to create more opportunities.

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26 Section 5: This will not cost the government anything, but it does cost business

27 owners a part of their income. However, business owners will be able to help

28 the economy through their workers and therefore help themselves.

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30 Section 6: This law will be enacted in the year of 2016 and in the month of

31 October. With this new law, the minimum wage will rise again in 2020, 2024,

32 and so on, every four years.

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Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Mitch Petrie, Patrick Meyerhoff, Micah Hillman
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO NOT ALLOW ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF FOURTEEN TO DRIVE A GOLF CART WITHOUT A PERMIT

- 1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
- 2 For anyone under the age of fourteen (14) to drive a golf cart, unless
- 3 they have a permit, and when they do, they can only drive on golf
- 4 courses and/or private property, in which said property's landowner
- 5 permission.
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- 7 SECTION 2: AS USED IN THIS ACT, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE
- 8 REQUIRES, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS APPLY:
- 9 Golf Cart: A motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for
- 10 operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes, and
- 11 equipped with safety belts installed for use in the left front and right
- 12 seats, and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty miles per
- 13 hour. (20 mph)
- 14 Private Property: A legal designation for the ownership of property by
- 15 non-government legal entities.
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- 17 SECTION 3: Violation of this law shall result in a fine of no less than
- 18 \$100.00 and no more than \$250.00.
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- 20 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
- 21 repealed.
- 22
- 23 SECTION 5: This act shall take effect immediately upon passing, the
- 24 public welfare requiring it.
- 25



29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Overton Stinson, Aidan Lang
School: Page Middle School

An Act To Make Getting To School Easier

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
- 2
- 3 SECTION 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
- 4 A. School-an institution for educating children (elementary, middle or
- 5 high school).
- 6 B. backroad-a secondary type of road
- 7 C. sidewalk-a paved path for pedestrians at the side of the road.
- 8
- 9 SECTION 2: If two schools are built on the same road, then in the
- 10 process of building you have to build a back road to access the premises
- 11 or sidewalk
- 12
- 13 SECTION 3: The building of the school will not be approved.
- 14
- 15 SECTION 4: Funding must be built into the school construction budget.
- 16
- 17 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 18 repealed.
- 19
- 20 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect January 1, 2017, the public welfare
- 21 requiring it.
- 22

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



SENATE COMMITTEE 3



29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
RED SENATE



**Sponsors: Catherine Ryan, Ava Sohr, Annie Stewart, Neva Bass
School: Harpeth Hall**

An Act to Save Money and Lives by Reducing Radon Gas in Tennessee

1 Be it Enacted by the YMCA Youth in Government

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3 Section 1:

4 Terms are as follows

5 Radon Gas: a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is toxic to humans
6 and animals.

7 Vapor Retarder: a tool used to delay the migration of water vapor.

8 Plastic sheeting: a polyethylene film that is used to act as barriers.

9 Vent pipe: a pipe above a waste or soil pipe that allows gas to escape

10 from the system.

11 Junction box: an enclosure that houses wires or cables that are joined
12 together and protects connections.

13 Caulking: to fill or close seams or crevices in order to make water or air
14 tight.

15 Lung Cancer: an uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells that form fatal
16 tumors in the lungs.

17 Polyethylene: a tough, light, and flexible synthetic organic substance.

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19 Section 2:

20 Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States.

21 Resulting in 15,000 to 22,000 deaths per year. Taking radon out of

22 homes that are already built using a mitigator costs up to 2,500 dollars.

23 Animals exposed to radon gas have a higher risk of getting lung cancer

24 and in some cases other types of cancer.

25
26 Section 3:

27 Builders who are building a house after June 1st, must construct their

28 basement (area below ground level) following these requirements in order

29 to make this area Radon resistant:

30 Builders must apply a layer of clean, coarse gravel below the foundation

31 or use an alternative, such as a perforated pipe or a collection mat.

32 Builders must place a heavy-duty plastic sheeting or a vapor retarder
33 over the gravel to inhibit radon and other soil gases from entering the
34 house.

35 Builders must install a vent pipe vertically from the gravel layer through
36 the house's conditioned space and roof. This safely vents radon and other
37 soil gases outside the house.

38 Builders must seal all openings, cracks, and crevices in the concrete

39 foundation and walls with polyurethane caulk to prevent radon and other

40 soil gases from entering the home.

41 Builders must install an electrical junction box (outlet) in the attic for use

42 with a vent fan, should, after testing for radon, a more robust system be

43 needed.

44
45 Section 4:

46 This bill will not cost the government any money. Builders must add the

47 radon resistant materials, which will only cost the builder 800 dollars

48 more than it would have been without the radon resistant materials. The

49 Tennessee government is not required to pay for the materials. The

50 government will not have to pay for the materials, unless it is building

51 public housing, in which it will have to pay the required extra 800 dollars

52 for every house built.

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54 Section 5:

55 All laws or parts of laws are hereby repealed.

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57 Section 6:

58 This bill will go into effect on October 1st, 2016.

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29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
RED SENATE



Sponsors: Jessica Rizzardi, Vivienne Ayres, Olivia Jacobs
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

An Act to Make Public School Buses Safer

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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

3 Transportation- the action of transporting someone or something or the
4 process of being transported.

5 Safety- the action of transporting someone or something or the process of
6 being transported.

7 Seat Belt- a belt or strap securing a person to prevent injury, especially in a
8 vehicle or aircraft.

9 School Bus- a bus that transports students from home to school, school to
10 home, or to school-sponsored events.

11 Fatal Injury- a personal injury resulting in death of the injured person

12 Section 2: This act hopes to create a safer environment for children.

13 Revamps all buses with new safer features.
14 All current school buses in the state of Tennessee will be assessed for further
15 alarming factors.

16 All new buses that a district requests to purchase must include seat belts and
17 be have less than one hundred thousand miles placed on it.
18 This will be enforced via district inspections.

19 Section 3: This bill will take effect by ensuring the safety of students and bus
20 operators to and from route to school and school related events.

21 Section 4: If enacted, this bill will have an overall cost of \$17,400,000 (around
22 \$122,535 per district) and will be budgeted from the Department of Public
23 School Transportation. This bill may generate money from fines.

24 Section 5: All districts have two years to inspect all buses upon passage. Any
25 district who fails to apply will be fined with \$100,000.

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

27 Section 7: This act will go into effect immediately upon passage.



29th General Assembly of the
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Youth in Government
RED SENATE



Sponsors: Micah Pendergrass, Keigen Kirk, John Vinson, Garrett Hunt
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL TENNESSEE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH

2 LEGISLATURE:

3 For all public high schools in Tennessee to offer an elective cursive writing
4 class for a full Semester

5 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
6 the following definitions apply:

7 Class: a group of students meeting regularly to study a subject under the
8 guidance of a teacher

9 Cursive: a written adaptation of the english writing that is generally faster
10 and more fluent a style of typeface simulating handwriting.

11 High School: a school that typically comprises of grades 9 through 12,
12 attended after primary school or middle school and before independent
13 studies.

14 Teacher: a hired person who teaches, especially in a school.

15 Elective Class: course is one chosen by a student from a number of
16 optional subjects or courses in a curriculum, as opposed to a required
17 course which the student must take.

18 SECTION 3: This bill will be paid for by the property taxes of the citizens
19 of each school system of the state of Tennessee.

20 SECTION 4: Violation of this law will result in the cancellation of state
21 funds to the school in question.

22 SECTION 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
23 repealed.

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29th General Assembly of the Tennessee YMCA Middle School Youth in Government RED SENATE



Sponsors: Ravikiran Ramjee, Oliver Galaska, Jeffery Mount, Rohan Gupta School: Brentwood Middle School

An Act to Improve Nashville Infrastructure Through Tollbooths Infrastructure

1 BE IT ENACTED by the 2016 Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature
2 WHEREAS, Nashville is a city undergoing exponential growth every 15
3 years
4 WHEREAS, Nashville has a population of 1.65 million peoples
5 WHEREAS, Nashville will undergo a projected two million population
6 increase by 2025
7 WHEREAS, There shall be a need for further Nashville infrastructure
8 WHEREAS, A better Nashville infrastructure shall result in increased
9 tourism, trade, commerce, and increase population
10

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

- 13 a) Toll road - a road which drivers must pay to use, funded by an
14 independent body
15 b) Infrastructure - the basic physical and organizational structures and
16 facilities (e.g., buildings, roads, and power supplies) needed for the
17 operation of a society or enterprise
18 c) TDOT - Tennessee Department of Transportation, the entity
19 responsible for the Tennessee transportation budget
20

21 Section 2 : This act requires the implementation of tollbooths on
22 interstate and highway entrances in a 5 mile radius of Metropolitan
23 Nashville, enacted with the following provisions:

- 24 a) The booths are to be funded from funds received from TDOT, which
25 shall be paid back in full upon full implementation.
26 b) The booths shall be semi- autonomous, a system to be called
27 Volunteer Pass
28 c) Every set of booths shall have at least one cash- pay system
29 d) Electronic tolls are pre- paid to a person's account on an online
30 website, to alleviate toll speed
31

32 Section 3 : This act shall eventually assist Nashville infrastructure in the
33 future, given Nashville's projected exponential growth
34 a) First and foremost, funds shall be used to pay back the TDOT in full
35 b) Next, funds shall be utilized in bettering or manifesting infrastructure
36 in future Metropolitan Nashville
37

38 Section 4 : If enacted, this bill shall requisition 500,000 USD one time
39 from the TDOT administration
40

41 Section 5 : All laws or parts of laws or parts of laws in conflict with this
42 act shall hereby be repealed upon passage of this act
43

44 Section 6 : This act shall go into effect July 1st, 2020
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29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Lily Fox, Lorelei Hoppe, Rita Stachurski, Sophie Hensiek
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

**AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN ALL CHILD ABUSE PENALTIES,
AMENDING TCA 39-13-505, 39-13-503, 39-13-504, 39-13-111,
39-13-101**

1 BE IT ENACTED TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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

- 5 a) Rape - unlawful sexual assault of a victim by the criminal
- 6 b) Sexual Battery - refers to crimes that are not covered by rape statutes,
7 such as sexual abuse or misconduct.
- 8 c) Aggravated Rape - is an offense of rape that is committed under
9 circumstances which render the offense more heinous.
- 10 d) Offender - an individual, company, or institution convicted of a crime in
11 a court of law.
- 12 e) Victim - a person harmed, injured, or killed as a result of a crime,
13 accident, or other event or action.
- 14 f) Physical Abuse - is defined as the use of physical force that may result
15 in bodily injury, physical pain, or impairment. Physical abuse may include
16 but is not limited to such acts of violence as striking (with or without an
17 object), hitting, beating, pushing, shoving, shaking, slapping, kicking,
18 pinching, and burning.
- 19 g) Neglect - to fail to give needed care or attention to someone or
20 something.
- 21 h) Aggravated Sexual Battery - Sexual assault accompanied by force or
22 coercion, a weapon, causing physical injury to the victim, being assisted
23 by one or more people or if the victim is under 13 years old.
- 24 i) Kidnapping - take (someone) away illegally by force, typically to obtain
25 a ransom. Take away without authority.
- 26 j) Aggravated Kidnapping - Aggravated kidnapping means kidnapping
27 accompanied by some aggravating factor.
- 28 k) Minor - a person under the age of full legal responsibility.
- 29 l) Felony - a crime, typically one involving violence, regarded as more
30 serious than a misdemeanor, and usually punishable by imprisonment for
31 more than one year or by death.

32 m) Domestic Aggravated Assault - family member upon another with the
33 intent of inflicting serious bodily injury through the use or threatened use
34 of dangerous weapons.

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36 Section 2) Aggravated child rape, and Aggravated kidnapping is defined
37 as a Class A felony for children under 18 years of age. Defendant will be
38 punished with imprisonment for no less than 15 and no more than 60
39 years. The fine will not exceed fifty thousand dollars.

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41 Section 3) Rape, Kidnapping and Aggravated Sexual Battery will be
42 classified as a Class B felony for children under 18 years of age. The
43 defendant will be imprisoned with no less than 8, but no more than 30
44 years in prison. The fine may not exceed 25,000 dollars.

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46 Section 4) Sexual battery is classified as a Class C felony for children
47 under 18 years of age. Defendant will be punished with imprisonment for
48 no less than 3 years and no more than 15 years. The fine cannot exceed
49 ten thousand dollars.

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51 Section 5) Domestic Abuse of a minor will be charged with a Class D
52 felony of 2 to 12 years in prison and a fine not to exceed five thousand
53 dollars, unless the victim is 10 years or younger, then it will be a Class C
54 felony.

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56 Section 6) Domestic Aggravated Assault on a minor will immediately
57 become a Class B felony charge.

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59 Section 7) Any person who knowingly neglects a child under the age of 18
60 years to affect the child's welfare and/or health negatively will be charged
61 with a class E felony, which is 1 to 6 years in prison, and a fine not to
62 exceed three thousand dollars.

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64 Section 8) Any person who neglects a child 8 years or younger will be
65 charged with a Class D felony, unless this occurs three or more times,
66 then the offender will be charged with a class B felony.

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68 Section 9) This act will not require funding from the state budget but may
69 generate revenue resulting from fines.

70
71 Section 10) This act will take effect immediately upon becoming law.
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29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Alexa DeSantis, Mikayla Pappas
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO END DISCRIMINATION OF SERVICES

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. Services: action of helping or doing work for someone.
5 b. Business: A job or occupation.
6 c. Race/ Racist: A person who believes in a certain color of skin, or a color
7 of skin.
8 d. Religion: A belief in a certain superhuman or god.
9 e. Sexual gender: combing a sex or marrying your own sex beings
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11 SECTION 2: This act requires people cannot be denied for services from
12 any kind of business because of your race, religion, or sexual gender/ gay
13 or lesbian.
14
15 SECTION 3: Businesses not following this law will be fined \$1000.00.
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17 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
18 repealed.
19
20 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect immediately upon becoming a law,
21 the public welfare requiring it.
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29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Sydney Maupin, Brianna Harris
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

**AN ACT REQUIRING A FIVE DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR THE
PURCHASE OF ALL FIREARMS**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
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3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
4 shall be defined as follows:
5 a) Firearm - a small arms weapon, as a rifle or pistol, from which a
6 projectile is fired by gunpowder.
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8 Section 2) Any licensed firearms dealer in the State of Tennessee will be
9 required to institute a five day waiting period for all persons purchasing
10 firearms.
11
12 Section 3) On the fifth day after a firearm purchase, the person who
13 purchased the firearm will be allowed to obtain the firearm, assuming that
14 person passes the required background check.
15
16 Section 4) Any dealer found in violation will pay a fine of ten thousand
17 dollars and lose its license for one year.
18
19 Section 5) This act will not require funding, but may generate revenue
20 resulting from fines.
21
22 Section 6) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
23 repealed.
24
25 Section 7) This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.
26



29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Emalee Frost, Ainsley Saurers, Ana Laura Morales
School: Page Middle School

An act to make roads safer by increasing driver testing

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 Definitions (of terms in your law)
5 A. airbag-a safety device fitted inside a road vehicle
6 B. car-a road vehicle
7 C. young-having lived or existed for a short time
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9 SECTION 2: Law: every person over 16 has to take a driver's test every 5
10 years at the age of 20 and every 5 years after. At the age of 70, driver's
11 must take the renewal driving test every 3 years.
12
13 SECTION 3: If a driver does not renew their license and take the driver's
14 test, their license will be revoked.
15
16 SECTION 4: The cost incurred by the state for providing driving tests will
17 be covered by the renewal fee, which will not exceed \$30.00 in 2017 and
18 will not increase faster than the rate of inflation.
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20 SECTION 5: This law shall go into effect May 16, 2017.
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29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Gabe Hall, Wait Nichols, Jacob Stromatt, Grant Hughes
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

An Act to Raise Minimum Wage in Tennessee

1 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
2 shall be defined as follows:
3 Minimum Wage- the lowest wage permitted by law or by a special
4 agreement
5
6 Section 2) All businesses operating in the State of Tennessee must pay
7 employees a minimum wage of at least nine dollars per hour.
8
9 Section 3) This increase will occur over three separate dates.
10 - Eight dollars per hour on January 1, 2017
11 - Eight dollars and fifty cents per hour on January 1, 2018
12 - Nine dollars per hour on January 1, 2019
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14 Section 4) Business found in violation of this law will be fined fifty
15 thousand dollars per infraction.
16
17 Section 5) This act will not require any funding from the government.
18
19 Section 6) All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
20 repealed.
21
22 Section 7) This act will be enacted by the state upon passage, and
23 businesses must comply with the guidelines beginning January 1, 2017.
24



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Youth in Government
BLUE SENATE



Sponsors: Lucca Silva, Leila Knoble, Gus Scannapieco, Ethan Harkness
School: Page Middle School

**AN ACT TO IMPROVE FOOD SOURCES AND NUTRITION
STANDARDS IN INCARCERATION FACILITIES**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
2

3 SECTION 1: All operators or owners of an Incarceration Facility shall
4 provide all inmates in their custody or control with meals and snacks that
5 comply with the nutrition standards set forth in the then current Dietary
6 Guidelines for Americans issued by United States
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8 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
9 the following definitions apply:
10 Incarceration Facility: as used in this Act means prison, jail, or other
11 correctional facility owned or operated by the State of Tennessee, any
12 political subdivision within the State of Tennessee or any private entity or
13 individual.
14

15 SECTION 3: \$65,700,000 is the estimated cost to provide three meals per
16 day per facility annually. The cost of this law shall be paid through the
17 appropriate taxes.
18

19 SECTION 4: 1st and 2nd violations will be a fine of no less than \$950 and
20 no more than \$10,000. 3rd violation is loss of license to operate/own
21 particular facility(ies).
22

23 SECTION 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
24 repealed.
25

26 SECTION 6: This law will go into effect 6 months upon passing, the public
27 welfare requiring it.
28

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



HOUSE COMMITTEE 1



29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Callum Dalenberg, Jacob Williams, Carson Kokes
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO BAN THE SELLING AND CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY DRINKS TO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YCMA YOUTH
2 LEGISLATURE:
3 For any person under eighteen (18) years of age to buy or consume
4 energy drinks with more than 40 milligrams unless they can present a
5 valid identification card stating that they are above eighteen (18) years of
6 age.
7
8 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
9 the following definitions apply:
10 Energy Drink: An energy drink is a type of beverage containing stimulant
11 drugs, chiefly caffeine, which is marketed as providing mental and
12 physical stimulation
13 Valid Identification Card: a legally active photo ID card that includes a
14 recent picture of an individual with their name, age, mailing address, and
15 telephone contact numbers
16
17 SECTION 3: Violation of this law shall result in a fine of no less than \$30
18 for first time offenses to a fine of no more than \$280
19
20 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
21 repealed.
22
23 SECTION 5: This act shall take effect immediately upon passing, the
24 public welfare requiring it.
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29th General Assembly of the
Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government
RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: George Ghabrial, Mena Gamil, Kerolos Ayoub
School: Cameron College Prep

An Act to Adjust the Impact of TCAP on Students' Final Grades

1 Section 1: Terms used in this act will be defined as follows, unless the
2 context requires otherwise:
3 a) Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP)- A set of
4 standardized tests used in public schools in Tennessee including TNReady
5 and the Social Studies & Science Achievement tests.
6
7 Section 2: This act amends Tenn. Code Ann. 49-1-619 so that the
8 Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program will not count as part of
9 students' final grades.
10
11 Section 3: The rest of the Tenn. Code Ann 49-1-619 will remain as it is.
12
13 Section 4: Two years after passage of this act, this act will be evaluated
14 by the board of education to decide if this act should remain law.
15
16 Section 5: This act will be require no additional funding from the state.
17
18 Section 6: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
19 repealed.
20
21 Section 7: This act will go into effect immediately upon becoming a law,
22 the public welfare requiring it.
23



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Youth in Government



RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Emme Sperry, Emily Jones, Emily Kollenborn, Grace
Craig
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE CHECKPOINTS SURROUNDING AMBER ALERT
LOCATIONS**

- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
- 2 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
- 3 shall be defined as follows:
- 4 a) Amber Alert - an emergency response system that disseminates
- 5 information about a missing person (usually a child), by media
- 6 broadcasting or electronic roadway signs.
- 7 b) Checkpoint - a barrier or manned entrance where travelers are subject
- 8 to security checks.
- 9 c) Officer - police officer, sheriff, or state trooper
- 10
- 11 Section 2) Once an Amber Alert is issued, officers will be required to set
- 12 up at least two checkpoints for an appropriate amount of time as
- 13 determined by officers within a 25 mile radius of where the child was
- 14 reported missing.
- 15
- 16 Section 3) Officers will use standard protocol while operating the
- 17 checkpoint.
- 18
- 19 Section 4) This act will not require funding from the state budget.
- 20
- 21 Section 5) This act will be enacted by the State upon passage, and
- 22 businesses must comply with guidelines by May 31, 2016.
- 23
- 24



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Youth in Government



RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Nelson Rose, Ladd Edgeworth
School: Brentwood Middle School

Recess for Children Grades K-8

- 1 Section I: Recess helps children to concentrate throughout the day, as
- 2 shown by many studies. This will also lower the number of obese children.
- 3
- 4 Section II: It is proven that students are more energized and willing to
- 5 learn after a quick "refresher" or a break. This will also get children away
- 6 from screens for a while.
- 7
- 8 Section III: If a school does not meet these requirements then
- 9 your school will be given a warning and if your school continues to break
- 10 this law then they will be fined \$1000, and for each corresponding year
- 11 the fine will double.
- 12
- 13 Section IV: The schools will be funded through themselves to find
- 14 adequate places for the children to play. If a school can not raise enough
- 15 money to fund the playground, the school will be provided with the
- 16 money from the state government will be provided for them.
- 17
- 18 Section V: For thirty minutes each day, if the weather provides, children
- 19 will go outside and exercise. If the weather is rainy, or too hot, the
- 20 children will go to the gym to exercise. If a child has an ailment that
- 21 prohibits them from going outside, they will be provided with an alternate
- 22 activity.
- 23



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Youth in Government



RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Sarah Memon, Shri Reddy
School: Brentwood Middle School

**An Act to Inaugurate Solar-Powered Radar Speed Signs in
Neighborhoods**

1 Be it enacted by the 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) Radar - a system for detecting the presence, direction, distance, and
- 6 speed of aircraft, ships, and other objects
- 7 b) Solar - relating to or denoting energy derived from the sun's rays
- 8 c) Neighborhoods - a district, especially one forming a community within
- 9 a town or city
- 10 d) Inaugurate - to begin or introduce (a system, policy, or period)
- 11 e) LED - semiconductor device that emits visible light when an electric
- 12 current passes through it
- 13 f) Violations - a breach, infringement, or transgression, as of a law, rule,
- 14 promise, etc.

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16 Section 2: In 2014, about 960 people died from traffic deaths in
17 Tennessee. Numbers have only decreased by 69 people since 2010. With
18 the help of this act, the number of traffic deaths, accident rates, and
19 traffic violations in neighborhoods across the state will be reduced
20 significantly.

21
22 Section 3: This act proposes to install solar-powered radar speed signs in
23 neighborhoods throughout the state, starting in specific areas of
24 Williamson County. Then, if the pilot plan proves successful, it will expand
25 into Davidson County (where accident rates and traffic violations are
26 highest) and further counties.

27
28 Section 4: Along with the speed limit, the signs will show a person's
29 speed as he/she drives by using LED displays and the same radar
30 technology found in radar police guns. These signs will be solar-powered
31 and will require little manual operation, with the exception of installation
32 and occasional maintenance and repairs. Having been certified under FCC

33 Part 15 regulations, these signs require no license to operate. Data from
34 the sign will be stored and analyzed in the accompanying software.

35
36 Section 5: This act could require funds of up to 1 million dollars and a
37 number of workers to manually install and make repairs to the signs.
38 These funds as well as the maintenance and repairs would be managed
39 and provided by TDOT (Tennessee Department of Transportation) as well
40 as the respective county/city government departments.

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42 Section 6: This act shall take effect on July 15, 2016.

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Youth in Government



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Tennessee YMCA Middle School
Youth in Government

BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Sponsors: William Hudson, Nate Hendrix, Asher Power
School: Page Middle School

Sponsors: Lia Milionis, Sydney Harris, Halle Berg, Madison
Cumbee Isabelle Cadeau
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO MAKE DRIVING SAFE

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. Driving: To use the power of an automobile to travel someplace.
5 b. Ticket: A written warning while driving for speeding, texting, etc.
6 c. Hands-Free Link: A bluetooth link connected to a certain automobile
7 that allows the person to call people without using the user's hands.
8 d. Call: The act of using a phone to talk to another person.

9 SECTION 2: People aren't allowed to talk on their phone while driving,
10 and rather use a hands-free link.

11 SECTION 3: Penalty: you will get a ticket. Fine: \$100

12 SECTION 4: The state will have no cost for enforcing this law.

13 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
14 repealed.

15 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect 5 days after becoming a law. May
16 21, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.
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**AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PAY FOR
THERAPIES FOR THOSE ON THE AUTISTIC DISORDER SPECTRUM**

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:
2 All insurance companies that sell insurance in the Tennessee regions will
3 be required to include payment for therapies for people on the Autistic
4 Disorder Spectrum.

5 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
6 the following definitions apply:

7 Therapies:
8 1) The treatment of mental or psychological disorders by psychological
9 means.
10 2) Treatment intended to relieve or heal a disorder.

11 Insurance: A practice or arrangement by which a company or government
12 agency provides a guarantee of compensation for specified loss, damage,
13 illness, or death in return for payment of a premium.

14 Autism: a mental condition, present from early childhood, characterized
15 by difficulty in communicating and forming relationships with other people
16 and in using language and abstract concepts. (Autistic Spectrum
17 Disorder)
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20 SECTION 3: All violators of this law will result in the loss of their
21 insurance company license, which allows them to be running their
22 company. They will not be able to renew their license until the company
23 pays a fine of \$200.
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25 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
26 repealed.
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28 SECTION 5: This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2017, the public
29 welfare requiring it.



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Eva Christopher, Maia Roark, Grace Lee, Lynleigh Young
School: Harpeth Hall

**AN ACT TO REVISE TENNESSEE LAW 49-5-413 TO MAKE TEACHER
BACKGROUND CHECKS A STATE RESPONSIBILITY.**

- 1 Section 1: Terms are as follows:
- 2 Teacher background check - Research on the teacher in question conducted to
- 3 ensure that they have no criminal history and are legally eligible to teach
- 4 students.
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- 6 Section 2: The USA TODAY Networks conducted a survey that analyzed the
- 7 credibility of individual states' teachers' certifications. This national audit gave
- 8 Tennessee a 59/100, or an "F." Tennessee earned such a low score partly
- 9 because most of the teacher's screenings are left to local districts instead of
- 10 having the state perform them. To ensure a quality education for Tennessee
- 11 students, it needs to be guaranteed that all teachers are suitable and safe for
- 12 the job instead of dangerous; background checks are the backbone to
- 13 evaluating if potential teachers are indeed suitable to teach.
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- 15 Section 3: Tennessee will change teacher screenings from a local task to a state
- 16 responsibility. Currently, Tennessee Code 49-5-413 states, "... a local board of
- 17 education . . . shall require any person applying for a position as a teacher and
- 18 any person applying for any other position requiring proximity to school children
- 19 or to children in a child care program to [permit the necessary screening]
- 20 This bill, once passed, will change the wording of this law to state, "... the
- 21 Tennessee State Board of Education . . . shall require any person applying for a
- 22 position as a teacher and any person applying for any other position requiring
- 23 proximity to school children or to children in a child care program to [permit the
- 24 necessary screening]"
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- 26 Section 4: No funding will be needed for this bill.
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- 28 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.
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- 30 Section 6: This bill is hereby enforced and valid in this state of Tennessee on
- 31 the August 1, 2016.



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Kyla Kirby, Emma Trubey, Gabel Gawthorpe, Kaylee Lane
School: Page Middle School

**AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ALL FEMALE PERSONS EXPECTING A CHILD
FROM ACQUIRING ANY DETRIMENTAL DRUGS OR ALCOHOL IN
ANY WAY AND/OR FROM ANY PERSON**

- 1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
- 2 Women of any age who are expecting a child will not be allowed to
- 3 purchase, acquire, or abuse harmful and dangerous drugs or alcoholic
- 4 substances.
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- 6 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
- 7 the following definitions apply:
- 8 Woman: an adult human female.
- 9 Alcohol: a colorless volatile flammable liquid that is the intoxicating
- 10 constituent of wine, beer, spirits, and other drinks, and is also used as an
- 11 industrial solvent and as fuel.
- 12 Volatile: explosive or easily set off.
- 13 Abuse: to use improperly; to misuse
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- 15 SECTION 3: Violation of this law shall result in cumulative fines depending
- 16 on the amount of drugs or alcohol acquired since the culprit became
- 17 pregnant.
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- 19 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
- 20 repealed.
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- 22 SECTION 5: This act shall take effect within 48 hours upon passing, the
- 23 public welfare requiring it.
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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Maddy Cotton, Anna Cella, Nina Regala, Kolen Cone
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

An Act to Regularly Increase the Minimum Wage

1 Be it Enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth in Government:

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3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 a) Minimum wage- the minimum amount of US dollars a working

6 individual can be paid

7 b) Recession- a period of temporary economic decline during which trade

8 and industrial activity are reduced, generally identified by a fall in GDP in

9 two successive quarters.

10 c) Gross Domestic Product (GDP)- the total value of goods produced and

11 services provided in a country during one year.

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13 Section 2) The minimum wage for the state of Tennessee will increase

14 fifty cents every year beginning January 1, 2017 and continuing on

15 January 1 of each successive year.

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17 Section 3) The regular minimum wage increase will pause if the United

18 States economy enters into a recession.

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20 Section 4) Once the recession ends, and the economy begins to grow

21 again, as shown by two successive quarters of GDP growth, the minimum

22 wage increase will resume on January 1 of the next year.

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24 Section 5) This act will not require funding from the state budget.

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26 Section 6) All laws and parts of laws in conflicts with this act are hereby

27 repealed.

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29 Section 7) Upon becoming law, this act will take effect beginning January

30 1, 2017.

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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Caroline Mills, Sophia Patton
School: Brentwood Middle School

AN ACT TO AMEND THE BIKE LAWS SO ONE CANNOT USE NON-MOTORIZED VEHICLES OUT OF RESTRICTED LANES OR SIDEWALKS

1 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Tennessee.

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3 Section I.

4 Non-motorized vehicle: a vehicle not furnished with a motor

5 Public roads: roads the public are permitted to access and use

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7 Section II.

8 This bill is to reform TCA 55-8-175 - Riding on Roadways and Bike Paths

9 and make it so one cannot use a non motorized vehicles on public roads

10 that do not already provide a sidewalk or a bike lane, unless you are a

11 certified police cyclist. This will cost no money.

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13 Section III.

14 Those who do not conform will be charged with a fine of \$100.00.

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16 Section IV.

17 This act shall take effect immediately, the public welfare and safety

18 requiring it.

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20 Section V.

21 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed to the

22 extent of the conflict.

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24 Section VI.

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

26 of the Legislature that the other portions shall remain in full force and

27 effect.

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**Sponsors: Griffin Bailey, Charles Conner, Gunner Hall
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School**

**An Act to Repeal Daylight Savings in Tennessee to Increase the
Total Amount of Light in the Day**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:

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

5 a) Daylight Savings: Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of turning
6 the clock ahead as warmer weather approaches and back as it becomes
7 colder again so that people will have one more hour of daylight in the
8 afternoon and evening during the warmer season of the year.

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10 Section 2) This act will repeal any laws that enact Daylight Savings.

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12 Section 3) The bill's goal is to eradicate Daylight Savings in order to allow
13 more time in the afternoon.

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15 Section 4) An increased amount of time in the day during the Winter
16 months will have many appealing results. For example, more daylight
17 would encourage children to play outside which in the long run would
18 decrease child obesity rates across Tennessee. This bill could also make
19 for safer driving therefore decreasing accident rates in Tennessee.

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

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24 Section 6) This bill shall be enacted immediately.
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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



HOUSE COMMITTEE 2



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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Srihita Adabala, Pooja Chowbey
School: Brentwood Middle School

The Act of Death with Dignity

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

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

Physician-assisted Suicide- suicide by a patient facilitated by means or information (as a drug prescription or indication of the lethal dosage) provided by a physician who is aware of how the patient intends to use such means or information

Euthanasia- the painless killing of a patient suffering from an incurable and painful disease or in an irreversible coma

The Death with Dignity Act- allows terminally-ill people to end their lives through the voluntary self-administration of lethal medications, expressly prescribed by a physician for that purpose

Section 2) This act will allow people to make their own choices whether or not they would like to proceed with a suicide conducted by an assisted physician. By doing so, a patient will have the choice of this option.

Section 3) This act requires licensed physicians who are willing to provide medicine and lethal drugs to dose the patient, including: a) providing each patient with the correct medical attention.

Section 4) This act, which is also known as Euthanasia, will be funded by those who would like the suicide. Once the fee is paid, a volunteering hospital which will provide the physician and medicine/drugs.

Section 5) This bill will be taking place in hospitals in Tennessee. This act will take place of the law which is against the Death with Dignity Act

Section 6) The current states that are supporting this act are Oregon, Washington, Vermont, and California

Section 7) This will not cost the State any money because each patient will pay for their own drugs, which are \$8.20 per pill.

Section 8) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 9) This act shall take effect on July 31, 2016

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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Quinlan Cyr, Belle Huang, Libby Tarantin, Eliana Schneider
School: Harpeth Hall

**AN ACT TO PROTECT THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OF PEOPLE IN THE
TENNESSEE GOVERNMENT**

Section 1:

1 Civil Department: the department in which the the Tennessee senate,
2 the Tennessee representatives, the mayors of each county house and the
3 Tennessee government
4 Government Positions: Government held positions such as the secretary
5 of state, the Tennessee senate, house of representatives, and elected
6 positions
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Section 2:

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9 In the Tennessee Constitution Section IX article two, it states that "No
10 person who denies the being of God, or a future state of rewards and
11 punishments, shall hold any office in the civil department of this state."
12 This is a violation of the First Amendment and the 14th Amendment in the
13 Bill of Rights. The establishment clause in the First Amendment says that
14 government cannot create and force a religion of the state upon the
15 people, and the free exercise clause says that people can practice
16 whatever religion they want how they want or they can choose to not be
17 religious without being punished. The Fourteenth Amendment forces
18 states to follow the United States Bill of Rights in regards to all people,
19 regardless of race, religion, or beliefs. State laws are not given priority
20 over the US Constitution. Therefore, this article violates the rights of
21 Tennessee citizens.
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Section 3

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24 This bill allows all Tennessee citizens to have a fair chance to be a part of
25 the Tennessee government, no matter if they believe in God in not. This
26 will be enforced by permitting people with different religions or no religion
27 at all to be able to run for and hold positions in government in Tennessee.
28 The state of Tennessee cannot deny anyone a government position
29 because of their religious beliefs. When applying for a civil department
30 job, religious questions will not be asked of the candidates.
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33 Section 4:
34 No funding from the government will be needed for this bill.
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36 Section 5:
37 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.
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39 Section 6:
40 This bill is hereby enforced and valid in this state of Tennessee on May
41 30, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.
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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Ella Schultz, Elise Wilkins, Brianna White
School: Brentwood Middle School

An Act to Have Traffic Lights Controlled By Real People

1 Section 1) Terms
2 Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall be defined as
3 follows:
4 Traffic Sensor- a device that changes the light according to the number of cars
5 at the light.
6 Traffic Worker- A person who will sit behind the traffic light and monitor when
7 to change the light (based on how many cars are waiting at a certain light)
8 Traffic Camera- A camera that is used to surveillance traffic light activity
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10 Section 2) In our world today, many people need to get through traffic lights,
11 but their light is red and there is no one on the other side. While this is
12 happening, there are also millions of people on the street that are jobless and
13 left without hope. This act will help to decrease the amount of people in traffic
14 incidents, as well as decrease the number of people that are jobless. This act
15 will simultaneously allow people to get jobs and help traffic light incidents.
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17 Section 3) In this act, there will be a person that is operating the traffic light (a
18 traffic worker). They will be able to look at the camera to see the traffic.
19 Therefore, if the light is green on a side where there are no cars coming, the
20 traffic worker can switch the light. Also, before the traffic workers are given
21 their jobs, they must take an oath in which they will promise not to cause
22 accidents on purpose and confuse the drivers.
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24 Section 4) This act will require some funding from the state. The state will
25 provide \$11.41 per hour to pay the traffic workers. Also, we will need
26 \$250,000-\$500,000 for installment and purchasing. Lastly, we will need \$8,000
27 yearly for maintenance.
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29 Section 5) Overall, this act will help the state of Tennessee by decreasing the
30 amount traffic incidents and the number of jobless Tennesseans. With the rate
31 of jobless people going up, we need to find a way for them to get job. Now
32 there is a reason for a new bill.
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34 Section 6) This act will go into effect on January 1st, 2017



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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Jillian Amsler, Jo Krump, Layla Farrell, Gabriella Silva
School: Page Middle School

An Act to REPEAL THE LUXURY TAX ON WOMEN'S HYGIENE PRODUCTS

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH
2 LEGISLATURE:
3 For any luxury tax that is added to the price of feminine hygiene
4 products, specifically tampons, be repealed. Said products can have the
5 standard sales tax for the local area on them, but cannot be taxed as a
6 luxury item. Establishments selling said products will be checked monthly
7 to ensure they are abiding by this law.
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9 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
10 the following definitions apply:
11 Feminine Hygiene Products: Personal care products used by women for
12 bodily functions related to the vulva.
13 Tampon: A feminine product used during a woman's menstrual cycle to
14 absorb blood.
15 Sales Tax: A tax on sales or on the receipts from sales; a consumption
16 tax imposed by the government on the sale of goods and services; varies
17 by location.
18 Luxury Tax: A tax on luxury goods.
19 Luxury Items: Products considered to be nonessential.
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21 SECTION 3: Violation of this law shall result in a fine no less than \$100.00
22 and no more than \$300.00 depending on the profit of the store and the
23 number of offenses.
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25 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
26 repealed.
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28 SECTION 5: This act shall take effect immediately upon passing, the
29 public welfare requiring it.
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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Braydon Greenwood, Jacob Dahl, Thomas Hunt, Jack DeSantis
School: Page Middle School

**AN ACT TO MAKE ANY ABORTIONS LIMITED TO HAPPEN PRIOR TO
20 WEEKS OF BEING PREGNANT**

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. Abortion- The deliberate termination of a human pregnancy, most

5 often performed during the first 28 weeks of pregnancy.

6 B. Limited- restricted in size, amount, or extent; few, small, or short

7 C. Pregnant- (of a woman) having a child or young developing in the

8 uterus

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10 SECTION 2: Abortion is limited to happen only prior to being pregnant for

11 20 weeks

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13 SECTION 3: Penalty:

14 1st Offense: Fined \$250

15 2nd Offense: Fined \$500

16 3rd Offense: Fined \$1000 and possible jail time

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18 SECTION 4: There are no cost to enforcing this law

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20 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby

21 repealed.

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23 SECTION 6: This law will take immediate effect, the public welfare

24 requiring it.

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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Sunya Aghili, Soundharyalakshmi Ramanathan
School: Brentwood Middle School

Prohibiting Calling and Driving on Handheld Devices

1 (Section 1). Terms:

2 Jurisdiction: the right, power, or authority to administer justice by

3 hearing and determining controversies

4 Insidious: Stealthy treacherous or deceitful

5 Misdemeanor: a minor wrongdoing

6 Ratify: to make a treaty or bill official or valid

7 Hand-Held Device: is a small computing device, typically small enough to

8 be handheld

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10 (Section 2). To stop the insidious amount of deaths from occurring, we

11 propose to ratify a bill to prohibit calling and driving; moreover, it is form

12 of distracted driving. When this bill is enacted, citizens will no longer be

13 able to hold a hand-held device. Instead, if owned, they will be allowed to

14 use the vehicle's bluetooth device that is installed within their car. A more

15 viable option is to buy wireless hands-free bluetooth car kits, which range

16 in price from \$12-\$35 at most.

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18 (Section 3). If caught calling and driving some penalties include: a fee

19 that ranges \$75-\$150 depending how severe the case is. If someone has

20 caused a fatal accident it may be acknowledged as a misdemeanor

21 depending the judge's jurisdiction. If the judge confirms the

22 misdemeanor, the convicted citizen may have to face some nights in jail;

23 however, bond will be allowed. The citizen may also have to fulfill some

24 hours of community service.

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26 (Section 4). Some more traffic camera will be needed to monitor citizens.

27 Red light cameras cost about \$3,000.

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29 (Section 5). All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

30 repealed.

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32 (Section 6). This bill will be in effective starting on December 1, 2016.



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Sarah Cook, Emily Wood, Lila Elrod, Nev Fenelon
School: Harpeth Hall

**AN ACT TO BAN ALL IMPORTS, SALES, AND USE OF PESTICIDES
AND HERBICIDES INCLUDING THE INGREDIENT GLYPHOSATE**

Section 1:

- 1 EPA - Environmental Protection Agency
- 2 Endangered Species Act - protects Tennessee wildlife
- 3 Tennessee Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act - legislature and
- 4 restrictions on insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides
- 5 Registration - issued by the TDA, restricts use
- 6 TDA - Tennessee Department of Agriculture
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Section 2:

9 Many people are unaware of the toxicity of Roundup/glyphosate because
10 it is falsely advertised as "environmentally friendly." Dr. Donald Huber,
11 a premier pathologist in the US, claims it more toxic than DDT, one of the
12 first insecticides which use was banned due to its accumulation in the
13 ground, fatty tissues, and the atmosphere. Scientific American, a science
14 magazine and website, claims that Roundup's ingredients, and its main
15 one being glyphosate, "can kill human cells particularly embryonic,
16 placental and umbilical cord cells".
17 EPA's research has shown that 100 million pounds of herbicides with
18 glyphosate are used on US farms and lawns each year. An epidemic of
19 kidney disease caused by Roundup has spread over farmers in many
20 countries such as Sri Lanka and India. The presence and use of
21 Roundup/glyphosate involves risks such as the epidemic.
22 Pigweed, a weed which has started to infest Tennessee farms, has been
23 found to be resistant to glyphosate. It grows rapidly, and can kill crops
24 and destroy equipment. Because of this infestation, farmers must either
25 plow the ground with glyphosate/Roundup, or use a different pesticide.
26 The use of Glyphosate can cause the following: the stopping of
27 normal body functions, an increased risk of diseases, and can cause
28 cancer even when used at minimal doses.
29 Monsanto, an agrochemical company which uses Glyphosate, claims that
30 Roundup is harmless to animals and humans, because the mechanism of
31 action, called the Shikimate Pathway, which it uses that allows it to kill
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33 weeds, is absent in all animals. However, glyphosate is present in
34 bacteria, and that is the key to understanding how it causes such
35 widespread harm in both humans and animals. It can also cause cancer,
36 depression, cardiovascular disease, gastrointestinal diseases such as
37 inflammatory bowel disease and Crohn's disease, ALS, and obesity.
38 Glyphosate also is one of the main causes of the extinction of monarch
39 butterflies.

Section 3:

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41 This bill will ban all use of herbicides with the ingredient Glyphosate and
42 other pesticides including Glyphosate in farming and home gardening and
43 ban all selling of it all private and public institutions.

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46 Section 4: There is no need for funding or budgeting for this bill because
47 it is not a government distributed product.

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49 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are to be
50 repealed December 1st, 2016.

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52 Section 6: This bill will be in effect in December 1st, 2016.
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Sponsors: Lily Brown, Taylor Buckner, Madelyn Aiken, Haley Blair
School: Page Middle School

An act to raise Minimum Wage.

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

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

- 3 a. Minimum- smallest amount.
- 4 b. Wage-How much someone is paid.
- 5 c. Raised-moved up.

6 SECTION 2: Minimum wage should be raised to at least 14 dollars.

7 SECTION 3: If employers do not pay the legal minimum wage, they will
8 be fined 2,000 dollars.

9 SECTION 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
10 repealed.

11 SECTION 5: This law shall take effect on June 16, 2016 the public
12 welfare require it .

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO HAVE AN UNSTRUCTURED REST
TIME FOR STUDENTS**

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
2 This law will require schools to provide a rest period for students to rest
3 and unwind. Schools have the ability to choose when the unstructured
4 period will occur in the day due to a variety of schedules. During this rest
5 period students have the choice to repose or gather their thoughts as it
6 does not require verbal communication. This bill applies to all open
7 enrollment schools whose students are sixth through twelfth graders. The
8 down time period will last for thirty minutes.

9 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
10 the following definitions apply:
11 Middle and High Schools: an institution for educating children grades sixth
12 through 12th.

13 Rest Time: a short sleep during the day
14 Repose: a state of tranquility, rest, or sleep

15 SECTION 3: Violation if this law shall result in a fine of \$100 for each day
16 the school does not comply.

17 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
18 repealed.

19 SECTION 5: This act shall take effect August 1, 2016 upon passing, the
20 public welfare requiring it.



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**Sponsors: Sam Ezell, Andrew McLaurin, Montgomery Phillips,
Campbell Slaughter**

**Sponsors: Noelle Wiggs, Reagan Haddix
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School**

School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

An Act to Raise Wages for all Emergency Workers

AN ACT TO PREVENT DRUNK DRIVING

- 1 1.) Emergency workers include: Paramedics, EMTs, Firefighters, Police
- 2 Officers, Sheriffs, and State Troopers.
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- 4 2.) Emergency workers are very important to our society, so they should
- 5 be rewarded for their service. Police officers, firemen, and paramedics in
- 6 the state of Tennessee have not been paid enough. These Emergency
- 7 workers are risking their lives every day to protect our community, and
- 8 we need to act now.
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- 10 3.) Our idea is to raise the tax percentage that public service is being paid
- 11 right now, in the state of Tennessee. Right now the percentage that
- 12 emergency workers are being paid is 1%. We want to raise the rate to
- 13 1.2%.
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- 15 4.) All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.
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- 17 5.) This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2018.
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- 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
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- 3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
- 4 shall be defined as follows:
- 5 Breathalyzer- device used for measuring the amount of alcohol in one's
- 6 breath.
- 7 Breathalyzer Test- a test finding how much alcohol in in one's breath
- 8 Drunk- affected by alcohol to the extent of losing control of one's faculties
- 9 or behavior.
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- 11 Section 2) Before one leaves any public facility serving any type of
- 12 alcohol, one must take a breathalyzer test before one leaves given unto
- 13 them by an employee.
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- 15 Section 3) The public facility must have one person to have the job of
- 16 controlling the people who take the breathalyzer test.
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- 18 Section 4) The one in possession of the job will not be paid by the
- 19 government, and must be at the public facility's expense. The job must
- 20 also be attained by someone at least 21 years of age.
- 21
- 22 Section 5) If one passes the exterior of the public facility from the interior
- 23 without taking the breathalyzer test and without showing their receipt,
- 24 one will be automatically fined the \$350.
- 25
- 26 Section 6) One may bring their receipt to the person of the job controlling
- 27 the breathalyzer, and they must check if they have had any alcohol at the
- 28 public facility. If one's receipt reads that the person has not had or
- 29 bought any alcohol, they may leave the public facility without taking a
- 30 breathalyzer test.
- 31
- 32 Section 7) Violators of this law shall be fined \$350 for a first offence,
- 33 \$500 for a second offence, and \$900 for a third offence along with their

34 driver's licence condemned or have a breathalyzer inserted in their car by
35 the person's expense.
36
37 Section 8) The offences will be tracked by the Tennessee State
38 Government.
39
40 Section 9) The violations are categorized as being caught drunk driving.
41
42 Section 10) The place that served them the alcohol will also be fined
43 \$350.
44
45 Section 11) This act will require no funding from the state, but rather
46 from the facilities themselves.
47
48 Section 12) The public facilities serving and/or selling any alcohol are
49 required to buy a professional breathalyzer and a minimum of 15 reusable
50 mouthpieces.
51
52 Section 13) The restaurants must sterilize the said reusable mouthpieces
53 before another uses it.
54
55 Section 14) All persons of the ages 21 and older must take this test
56 before leaving the facility.
57
58 Section 15) If one fails this test and is found to be drunk, one must wait
59 45 minutes before one retakes the test.
60
61 Section 16) It is up to the establishment whether or not to let the person
62 who fails the test to take a taxi, Uber, or make them wait 45 minutes
63 before trying the test again.
64
65 Section 17) Groups of two or more must take the breathalyzer test, no
66 matter if they have given a receipt or not.
67
68 Section 18) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
69 repealed.
70
71 Section 19) This act will be enacted by the state upon passage, and
72 businesses must comply with guidelines by July 1, 2016.
73

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HOUSE COMMITTEE 3



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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Iara Aldave, I shak Lamei, Beshoy Danial
School: Cameron College Prep

An Act to Raise the HOPE Scholarship Award for High Achieving Students

- 1 Section 1 : The terms in this act will be defined as follows:
- 2 a) HOPE scholarship: a scholarship funded by the Tennessee Education
- 3 Lottery Scholarship Program which helps Tennessee college students with
- 4 tuition costs
- 5 b) ACT: The ACT, or the American College Testing program, is a US
- 6 college admissions test
- 7 c) SAT: A US college admissions test originally called the Scholastic
- 8 Aptitude Test
- 9
- 10 Section 2: This act raises the HOPE scholarship to \$5000 per year for
- 11 students who score in the 85th percentile nationally on the SAT or the
- 12 ACT.
- 13
- 14 Section 3: The funding for this act will come from the existing HOPE
- 15 scholarship funds.
- 16
- 17 Section 4: This act will not change the other requirements for eligibility
- 18 previously set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. 49-4-907.
- 19
- 20 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 21 repealed.
- 22
- 23 Section 6: This act will go into effect immediately upon becoming a law,
- 24 the public welfare requiring it.
- 25



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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Devon Campbell, Janet Briggs, Elise Presnell, Kate Saiddy
School: Harpeth Hall

Act to Bring All Mentally Ill Inmates Without Charges Out of Prison and into Proper Institutions as well as Expand Upon the the Institutions Already Set in Place

- 1 Section 1:
- 2 Terms are as follows:
- 3 Mentally ill- a person suffering from a neurological problem who, for that
- 4 reason is not as capable of judging their actions and or abilities.
- 5 Mental hospital- An institution designed to help and treat the mentally ill
- 6 Charged- being found guilty of a crime
- 7 Insanity Plea- While being charged with a crime the defendant's attorney
- 8 states the defendant is clinically insane and therefore can not be held
- 9 responsible for their actions.
- 10 Tennessee Fiscal Statement- The official annual budget and report of
- 11 expenditures for the state of Tennessee
- 12
- 13 Section 2:
- 14 Mentally ill people are being placed in prisons without charges and
- 15 regarded in the same manner as convicted inmates. In fact, one in three
- 16 mentally ill inmates in Tennessee is in critical condition and desperately
- 17 need treatment, as they pose a threat to themselves and or others.
- 18 However, they are placed in prisons unfit for medical care rather than
- 19 mental hospitals simply because there is not enough funding devoted to
- 20 mental health facilities.
- 21
- 22 Section 3:
- 23 Upon passage of this bill, new mental hospitals will begin to be built, and
- 24 the old hospitals will begin to be expanded. Also, mentally ill persons
- 25 without a conviction as well as those convicted who have stood a separate
- 26 hearing proving their insanity, will be transferred out of prisons and into
- 27 the mental hospitals, so they can get proper treatment which will remedy
- 28 their condition rather than punishing them for having it.
- 29
- 30 Section 4:



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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Sponsors: Macey Wade, Amelia Mullis, Isabel Oldham
School: Brentwood Middle School**

**An Act to Encourage the Use of Cloth Bags and Adding a Payment to
Plastic and Paper Bags**

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

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

- 4 A) Reusable Bag: a durable cloth bag that is specifically manufactured for
- 5 multiple reuse
- 6 B) Customer: a person or organization that buys goods or services from a store
- 7 or business
- 8 C) Tax: a compulsory contribution to state revenue, levied by the government
- 9 on workers' income and business profits or added to the cost of some goods,
- 10 services, and transactions.
- 11 D) Plastic Bag: a type of container made of thin, flexible, plastic film, non
- 12 woven fabric, or plastic textile
- 13 E) Paper Bag: a small bag made of paper
- 14 F) Grocery Store: a retail store that primarily sells food

15
16 Section 2: Any grocery store of Tennessee can enact the law upon a customer
17 to pay a tax for plastic and paper bags.

18
19 Section 3: This act will point out the price of the tax that consumers will have to
20 pay for a plastic or paper bag:

- 21 A) Plastic bags will cost the consumer \$0.04 added to their total cost for each
- 22 individual bag.
- 23 B) Paper bags will cost the consumer \$0.03 added to their total cost for each
- 24 individual bag.
- 25 C) Half of the proceeds will go to the state government and the other half will
- 26 go to the specific grocery store selling the bags.
- 27 D) The money given to the government will be used to reduce pollution and
- 28 encourage recycling.

29
30 Section 4: This act will motivate the selling and buying of reusable bags.

31
32 Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

33
34 Section 6: This act will go into effect immediately upon becoming a law.

31 The funds will be distributed to Tennessee's four existing mental hospitals
32 based on the capacity and demand regarding a certain hospital. This
33 statistic will be determined based on the percentage of Tennessee's
34 mental patients each hospital holds. The financial support of this act will
35 be provided by redistributing funding dedicated to programs deemed
36 frivolous. The programs subject to this verdict are the Auctioneer
37 Education and Recovery Fund, Cemetery Consumer Protection Fund,
38 Board of Barber Examiners, Board of Alarm Contractors, Real Estate
39 Education, Tennessee Auctioneer Commission, and 6.25% of the Film
40 and Television Incentives Fund. The revenue devoted to mental health
41 programs and facilities as a result of this redistributing of monetary
42 resources comes to a total of \$3,290,400 annually.

43
44 Section 5:

45 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.

46
47 Section 6:

48 This act shall take effect upon October 1 2016, the public welfare
49 requiring it.
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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Sean Smith, Joe Tomlinson, Connor Flatt, Trevor Smith
School: Page Middle School

**AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL COMPANIES TO LIST POSSIBLE CROSS
CONTAMINATIONS THAT ARE IN AND COULD POSSIBLE BE
PRESENT IN THEIR FOOD PRODUCTS**

1 SECTION 1: Be enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
2 That all food producing and marketing companies in Tennessee must label
3 food containers with all information regarding the top eight allergens at a
4 minimum, or more if they wish. The top eight allergens are as follows:
5 dairy, fish, eggs, shellfish, peanuts, tree nuts, gluten, and soy. The
6 information must be at a minimum specificity of, in order of no chance to
7 includes, free of, processed in the same building, may contain, processed
8 on the same equipment, contains.
9
10 SECTION 2: As used in this act unless the context otherwise requires, the
11 following definitions apply.
12 Food Allergen: A food that causes the patient's body to undergo an
13 allergic reaction or anaphylaxis, which includes symptoms such as
14 swelling, hives, fatigue, and other such symptoms
15 Processed on the same equipment: Having a food item processed on the
16 same equipment with another containing a food allergen without cleaning
17 that prevents the spread of allergens.
18
19 SECTION 3: Violation of this law shall result in a warning and then a fine
20 ranging from \$100 to \$1000 dollars depending on severity.
21
22 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this lawyer hereby
23 repealed.
24
25 SECTION 5: This act shall take effect upon the next fiscal year, the public
26 welfare requiring it.
27
28



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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Michael Balint, Joshua Clay, Samuel Landau, Abby Sartore
School: Page Middle School

**An Act to Make All State Mandated Standardized Tests Required
To Be Taken On Pencil and Paper**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
2 SECTION 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
3 Definitions (of terms in your law)
4 Standardized Tests- A test administered by a state that assesses a
5 student's skill by comparison with standards
6 Pencil- An instrument for writing or drawing, consisting of a thin stick of
7 graphite or a similar substance enclosed in a long thin piece of wood or
8 fixed in a metal or plastic case.
9 Paper- Material manufactured in thin sheets from the pulp of wood or
10 other fibrous substances, used for writing, drawing, or printing on, or as
11 wrapping material
12
13 SECTION 2: All Standardized Tests taken in all schools across Tennessee
14 are required to be taken on pencil and paper.
15
16 SECTION 3: The school system's state funding will be eliminated.
17
18 SECTION 4: We will use the money that is given to us by the federal
19 government for educational funds.
20
21 SECTION 5: There will be two parts, each will contain: fill in the blank,
22 multiple choice, and multiple select. The first part will consist of fill in the
23 boxes and multiple select. Part two will have multiple choice and multiple
24 select. Part one will be at the end of the first semester, and part two will
25 be at the end of the second semester.
26
27 SECTION 6: It will go into effect the school year of 2017-2018, the public
28 welfare requiring it.
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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Sarah Walker, Brianna Small, Maddy Shonholtz
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PUNISHMENT FOR ASSAULT AGAINST AN OFFICER

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
2
3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
4 shall be defined as follows:
5 a) Assault - Intentionally or knowingly causing physical contact with
6 someone that they would regard as offensive or provocative; Intentionally
7 or knowingly causing another to reasonably fear imminent injury;
8 Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causing bodily injury to someone.
9 b) Officer - any policeman or policewoman; patrolman or patrolwoman; a
10 person having officer rank on a police force, including sherriff's
11 department officers and state troopers.
12
13 Section 2) Any person convicted of assault against an officer will
14 automatically be charged with a Class C felony and a minimum of five
15 years in prison and a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars.
16
17 Section 3) This act will not require funding from the state budget.
18
19 Section 4) This act will take effect immediately upon passage.
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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Elizabeth Schreiber, Haley Fields, Courtney Hemmeyer
School: Page Middle School

An act to end biking on the road

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. lane : a path on the street and road marked by lines
5 b. Bicyclists: people who ride bicycles, which are 2 wheel vehicle and
6 move it with your feet
7 c. roads: people travel on using automobiles
8 d. Cars: a machine with 4 wheels that people travel with
9 e. Side of the road: basically outside the emergency lane marked with a
10 white line or outside the
11
12 SECTION 2: Bicyclists must stay on the side of the road, outside traffic
13 lanes and stay clear of cars
14
15 SECTION 3: Fine of \$100
16
17 SECTION 4: The state will not need to pay for anything, just the people
18 who break the law
19
20 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
21 repealed.
22
23 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect a week after it takes place, May 23
24 2016, the public welfare requiring it.
25



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Jacob Daymude, Sam Henke, Bradley Hicks, Connor Craig
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

A Resolution to Educate the City of Jackson

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:

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

- 5 a) H.O.P.E Scholarship- Program that helps students financially and helps
- 6 them get a degree or a diploma
- 7 b) Communications- Includes broadcasting, news editorial, media design,
- 8 and public relations.

9
10 Section 2: This resolution would create a public university in the city of
11 Jackson, Tennessee.

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13 Section 3: In-State tuition will be about \$12,000 yearly and \$25,000
14 yearly for Out of State tuition. Meals and Housing fees will be \$2,500 for
15 a 1 year plan. This is for In-State and Out of State.

16
17 Section 4: This University will include many schools, offering expertise in
18 Engineering, Technology, Agriculture, Nursing, Psychology,
19 Marketing/Sales, Chemistry, Communications, and Biology. The university
20 will expand its field in the future.

21
22 Section 5: For programs, we will use the H.O.P.E. scholarship for students
23 and there will also be athletic and academic scholarships.

24
25 Section 6: The university will be funded by taxes from lottery tickets,
26 donors, and funding from the federal government.

27
28 Section 7: The first semester will begin on September 7th, 2020.

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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Paige Rieschick, Hollen Harrell, Sierra Scott
School: Page Middle School

**AN ACT TO ENFORCE THAT IT IS AN OFFENSE FOR A CHILD UNDER
THE AGE OF EIGHT (8) TO BE LEFT IN A MOTOR VEHICLE
WITHOUT SUPERVISION**

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE
2 It is an offense for a person responsible for a child younger than the age
3 of eight (8) to knowingly leave that child in a motor vehicle located on
4 public property or while on the premises of any shopping center, trailer
5 park, or any apartment house complex, or any other premises that is
6 generally frequented by the public at large without being supervised in
7 the motor vehicle by a person who is at least thirteen (13) years of age.

8
9 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
10 the following definitions apply:

11 Motor vehicle: a road vehicle powered by an internal combustion engine;
12 an automobile.

13 Supervised: keep watch over (someone) in the interest of their or others'
14 security.

15 Public Property: is property that is dedicated to public use and is a subset
16 of state property.

17 Child: a young human being that may be an immature or irresponsible
18 person.

19
20 SECTION 3: Violation of this law shall result in a fine of \$250 first offense
21 and a fine of \$500 each time following the first offense.

22
23 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
24 repealed.

25
26 SECTION 5: This act shall take effect immediately upon passing, the
27 public welfare requiring it.
28



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Wyatt Skillen, Garrett Lee, Liam Smith, Gavin Baker
Abhinay Dixit
School: Page Middle School

**AN ACT TO MANDATE SURVIVAL KITS IN ALL MOTORIZED
VEHICLES**

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature: To Mandate The
2 Use Of Survival Kits In All Motorized Vehicles

3
4 SECTION 1: All motorized vehicles must come with a survival kit. A
5 motorized vehicle includes, but not limited to, cars, motorcycles, vans,
6 and trains.

7
8 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
9 the following definitions apply:
10 Motorized Vehicle: a vehicle with an engine and/or motor that is operated
11 automatically.

12 Survival Kit: must contain: 2 absorbent compressed dressing, 25
13 adhesive bandages of assorted sizes, 1 adhesive cloth tape (10 yards by
14 1 inch), 5 antibiotic ointment packets (1 gram), 5 antiseptic wipe packets,
15 2 packets of Aspirin (81 milligrams each), 1 space blanket, 1 breathing
16 barrier (with one way valve), 1 instant cold compress, 2 pairs of non latex
17 gloves (size large), 2 hydrocortisone ointment packets (approximately 1
18 gram each), scissors, 1 roller bandage (3 inches wide), 1 roller bandage (4
19 inches wide), 5 sterile gauze pads (3x3 inches), 5 sterile gauze pads (4x4
20 inches), oral thermometer (non mercury/ non glass), 2 triangular
21 bandages, tweezers. First aid instruction booklet.

22
23 SECTION 3: Violation of this bill shall result in fines of no less than \$50
24 and no more than \$100.

25
26 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
27 repealed.

28
29 SECTION 5: This act shall take place January 1, 2017 upon passing, the
30 public welfare requiring it.

31



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Collin Burgess, Ben Turner, Jackson Bryan
School: Page Middle School

**An Act To prevent smoking in public areas such as streets, parks,
shop areas, walking trails, and other places.**

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

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

4 A. Smoking: Smoking is where you either inhale the toxic smoke or
5 tobacco, or water vapor of any sort of tool.

6 B. Prevent: To make sure that smoking in public areas does not happen.

7 C. Public Areas: Places where anyone and everyone can go, made for
8 citizens and foreign people.

9 D. Tobacco: A toxic plant that is inhaled and is grown in many different
10 countries and some states, it can cause disease and in severe cases
11 death.

12
13 SECTION 2: Prevent smoking in all public areas (streets, walking trails
14 and shop places). Only allowed when on private land or inside the owner's
15 car.

16
17 SECTION 3: Penalty: If you are caught smoking in public areas you will
18 fined for \$450.

19
20 SECTION 4: This law does not require any cost.

21
22 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
23 repealed.

24
25 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect June 6, 2016 after becoming a law.

26

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HOUSE COMMITTEE 4



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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Lizzette Chavez-Salgado, Jennifer Martinez Mendez
School: Cameron College Prep

An Act to Guarantee Universal Suffrage

1 Section 1: Terms in this act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall
2 be defined as follows:
3 a)suffrage-the right to vote in an election
4 b)felony-a serious crime where the sentence is at least one year
5 c)judgement of infamy- a felony conviction
6

7 Section 2: This act will remove the judgement of infamy clause from
8 Tenn. Code Ann. 2-2-102 so that it reads "A citizen of the United States
9 eighteen (18) years of age or older who is a resident of this state is a
10 qualified voter unless the citizen is disqualified under the provisions of
11 this title."
12

13 Section 3: The Division of Elections will be responsible for communicating
14 these changes to all affected persons, including current prisoners and
15 those convicted of a judgement of infamy.
16

17 Section 4: This act will not require any additional funding from the state
18 budget. Funding for communication of the changes will come from the
19 Division of Elections.
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 shall take effect on January 1, 2017.
25

Sponsors: Tyler Myers, Joshua Mondzelewski, Patrick Baugh
School: Brentwood Middle School

**AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE ELECTRIC CHAIR AS A FORM OF CAPITAL
PUNISHMENT IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

1 Electric Chair- A chair in which criminals convicted of capital crimes are
2 executed through the process of electrocution
3 Capital Punishment- A death penalty issued by the federal government for
4 capital offenses
5

6 Section 1: To be enacted by TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH GOVERNMENT:
7 The practice of using the electric chair as a form of capital punishment is
8 to hereby be made illegal in the great state of Tennessee
9

10 Section 2: The use of electric chair will be fully and completely abolished
11 in every and all Tennessee Government State Detention Centers, Prisons,
12 and all organizations paid for by the Tennessee State Government
13

14 Section 3: This bill is to be of no direct cost to the Tennessee State
15 Government
16

17 Section 4: All acts that conflict this act are hereby repealed
18

19 Section 5: This bill is to go into effect by January 1, 2017
20



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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Neethu Yammanur, Caroline Owen, Emma Counts
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO RAISE THE SMOKING AGE TO 21

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
- 2
- 3 SECTION 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
- 4 a. Smoking: the act of inhaling and exhaling the smoke of tobacco or a
- 5 drug
- 6 b. Tobacco: a preparation of the nicotine-rich leaves of an American
- 7 plant, which are cured by a process of drying and fermentation for
- 8 smoking or chewing.
- 9
- 10 SECTION 2: Persons under the age of 21 shall not purchase, possess of,
- 11 or use any form of tobacco.
- 12
- 13 SECTION 3: Penalty: A \$100 fine and up to 30 hours community service
- 14 for the first offense, and a \$250 fine and up to 45 hours community
- 15 service for every offense thereafter.
- 16
- 17 SECTION 4: There is no fee included with this law.
- 18
- 19 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 20 repealed.
- 21
- 22 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect January 1, 2017 the public welfare
- 23 requiring it.
- 24



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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Finn Webster, Celeste Davis
School: Page Middle School

AN RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CHANGE OF THE NATIONAL BIRD

- 1 SECTION 1: Be it resolved by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH
- 2 LEGISLATURE:
- 3 Changing the National Bird from a Bald Eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus)
- 4 to a Wild Turkey (Meleagris gallopavo).
- 5
- 6 SECTION 2: As used in this resolution, unless the context otherwise
- 7 requires, the following definitions apply:
- 8 National Bird: means one (1) fowl that has been designated as the most
- 9 symbolic for the ideals, projections, and beliefs of a country. In the United
- 10 States' case, the bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) is the current
- 11 National Bird.
- 12 Wild Turkey: Meleagris gallopavo: The largest member of the Galliformes,
- 13 or game fowl, it has blackish, sometimes gray brown with an overall
- 14 copper sheen with, on males, a large fan of red, purple, green, and
- 15 orange feathers on its tail. They have yellow-green legs and feature
- 16 significant sexual dimorphism. They can be found in hardwood conifer
- 17 forests with large, scattered openings of fields, pastures, or orchards.
- 18 Despite many other members of the Galliforme family, wild turkeys are
- 19 agile fliers and tend to fly close to the ground for short distances.
- 20 Bald Eagle: Haliaeetus leucocephalus: A bird of prey found in North
- 21 America, in parts of both the United States and Canada. It has a wide
- 22 wingspan and evenly dark brown feathers, with yellow talons used for
- 23 gripping fish out of water. An adult bald eagle has a head covered with
- 24 white feathers and a broad white tail, featuring sexual dimorphism though
- 25 no differentiated plumage. It has a highly developed back toe, used for
- 26 catching prey out of water.
- 27
- 28 SECTION 3: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passing,
- 29 the public supporting it.
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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Adah Hall, Jesse Lampley, Logan Yoon, Caedan Pope
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

An Act To Strengthen Concussion Laws for Student Athletes in Tennessee

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA IN GOVERNMENT

2

3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,

4 shall be defined as follows:

5 a) Major concussion-temporary unconsciousness caused by a blow to the

6 head. The term is also used loosely of the aftereffects such as confusion

7 or temporary incapacity diagnosed-identify the nature of (an illness or

8 other problem) by examination of the symptoms.

9

10 Section 2) Any student-athlete in a public or private school who has

11 suffered a medically diagnosed major concussion will be prohibited from

12 participating in any school-sponsored sport for a minimum of thirty days

13 from the date of the concussion.

14

15 Section 3) If a student suffers a second concussion within one calendar

16 year, he or she will not be allowed to participate in any school-sponsored

17 sport for a minimum of forty-five days.

18

19 Section 4) If a student suffers a third concussion within one calendar

20 year, he or she will not be allowed to participate in any school-sponsored

21 sport for a minimum of sixty days.

22

23 Section 5) Any school district found in violation of this act will be fined

24 five thousand dollars per offense.

25

26 Section 6) All and any laws in conflict with this act will be repealed.

27

28 Section 7) This act will not require funding from the state budget, but

29 may generate revenue resulting from fines.

30

31 Section 8) This act will be enacted by the state upon passage, and public

32 schools are required to comply with regulations by July 1, 2016.



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Youth in Government

BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Allie Darr, Grayson Krebs, Mae Sherrord
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

An Act To Better Trails for the Physically Disabled

1 Be enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:

2

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

4 be defined as follows:

5 A) Physically and socially disabled : A condition that markedly restricts a

6 person's ability or function physically, or socially.

7 B) Government owned Tennessee trails: This will cover all trails in

8 Tennessee that are owned by the government.

9

10 SECTION 2: Fully aware that government owned Tennessee trails are not

11 available for everyone to enjoy, our bill will dictate that 40% of

12 government owned Tennessee's trails must be made physically disabled

13 accessible. Each trail that is being updated will have to be at least 45%

14 accessible.

15

16 SECTION 3: Our bill will affect many trails in Tennessee by making trails

17 more enjoyable for everyone, not just people who are physically able.

18

19 SECTION 4: Acknowledging that we are only making 40% of state

20 government owned Tennessee trails accessible we plan to add 5% of

21 Tennessee's trails to the bill every year. Eventually it will stop (in 12

22 years) when all of Tennessee's trails are under the bill which this bill

23 covers just 40%.

24

25 SECTION 5: We will contribute 5 million dollars from the Tennessee

26 government every 5% we add on to our bill. We are starting with 40% so

27 that will cost 40 million this year.

28

29 SECTION 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

30 repealed.

31

32 SECTION 7: This act shall take effect immediately, the public welfare

33 requiring it.



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Alea Schaefer, Aliya Afrakhteh, Lauren Bender
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

AN ACT TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
2
3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
4 shall be defined as follows:
5 Electronic Devices - For the purposes of this bill: laptops, tablets, iPods,
6 cell phones, and smartphones
7
8 Section 2) Schools are prohibited from banning students' devices on
9 school campus during school hours. Students must be allowed to have
10 their electronic device in the same room as them.
11
12 Section 3) Schools found banning a device or violating this law, will be
13 fined 1,500 dollars.
14
15 Section 4) Any student who is affected will immediately be given back his
16 or her device after device is found or taken away.
17
18 Section 5) Any teacher or administrator can instruct a student to place his
19 or her device face down on the student's desk or instruct a student to
20 place the device in a specific location with all other students' devices.
21
22 Section 6) This act will require no funding from the state's budget but
23 may generate money resulting from the fines.
24
25 Section 7) This act will be enacted by the state upon passage, and
26 schools must comply with these guidelines by July 1, 2016.
27



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Sydney Burton, Alex Gardner, Liam Akin
School: Page Middle School

An Act to improve the safety of all Tennessee neighborhoods

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
2
3 SECTION 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
4 a. Neighborhoods- residential areas including suburban subdivisions and
5 residences in a city boundary
6 b. Street lights- a lamp that provides light on public roads and sidewalks
7 c. Road- a street in a suburban neighbourhood that is open for anyone to
8 drive on (no driveways)
9
10 SECTION 2: All neighborhoods in the state of Tennessee are required to
11 have functioning street lights on roads
12
13 SECTION 3: The penalty for not adhering to this law is the developer of
14 the neighbourhood should be fined \$1,500
15
16 SECTION 4: Neighbourhood developers will be given a loan to construct
17 new street lights, and the fine will be based on their competence in
18 finishing this task during the allotted time.
19
20 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
21 repealed.
22
23 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect May 16, 2017 the public welfare
24 requiring it.
25



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Morgan Riley, Layne Foeder, Phoebe Smith, Hannah Brewer
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO PREVENT ALL VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED IN ANY OF THE US ARMED FORCES FROM PAYING SALES TAX WITH EXCEPTIONS

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH
2 LEGISLATURE:
3 For any person that has actively served in any of the five branches of the
4 US military will be exempt from paying sales tax on groceries, household
5 items, traveling expenses, and entertainment.
6
7 SECTION 2: As used in the act, unless the context otherwise requires, the
8 following definitions apply.
9 Household Items: means products used within households. They are
10 tangible and movable personal property placed in the living
11 rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, family rooms, great rooms, bedrooms,
12 bathrooms, recreation rooms, hallways, attics, basements, and any other
13 rooms of a house.
14 Groceries: means items you buy at a grocery store, supermarket, and/or
15 convenience store.
16 Traveling Expenses: means the ordinary and necessary expenses of
17 traveling away from home for your family business, profession, job,
18 enjoyment, and/or vacation.
19 Entertainment: means an event, performance, or activity designed to
20 entertain others.
21
22 SECTION 3: Anyone who repeatedly charges a veteran sales tax will have
23 to pay a fine of 1,000-20,000 depending on how much sales tax they
24 charged the veteran of and how frequently they break the law. Any
25 fraudulent behaviors to make someone appear to be a veteran so they
26 can get the benefits will be charged a fine of 30,000.
27
28 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
29 repealed.
30
31 SECTION 5: This act shall take place June 1, 2017 upon passing, the
32 public welfare requiring it.



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Clay Conn, Miryana Glavan, Logan Sava, Drew Petrie
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO ANNUALLY INCREASE WAGES FOR EDUCATORS BY 1.5% FOR EVERY YEAR EMPLOYED

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH
2 LEGISLATURE:
3 All educators employed by the state of Tennessee having worked at least
4 two hundred (200) work days per year receive a one and five tenths
5 percent (1.5%) raise immediately upon the salary of the following year up
6 to a maximum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) annual salary
7 permitting the educator has met or exceeded the standards.
8
9 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
10 the following definitions apply:
11 Educators: means any person or persons being hired by or working for a
12 public education system funded by the state of Tennessee. This does NOT
13 mean any person or persons being hired by or working for a private
14 education system not funded by the state of Tennessee.
15 Work day: means a period of at least eight (8) hours worked within a
16 twenty four (24) hour period. A twenty four (24) hour period refers to the
17 standard twenty four (24) hour day from twelve (12)
18 Annual Salary: means a sum of money given to an employed person after
19 he/she has met or exceeded standards for one (1) full working year.
20
21 SECTION 3: Cost for this law shall come from the funds supporting
22 schools throughout Tennessee.
23
24 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
25 repealed.
26
27 SECTION 5: This law shall take effect immediately upon the beginning of
28 the following school year, the public welfare requiring it.
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30



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Alexis Eggleton, Ella O'Neal, Morgan Zukas
School: Page Middle School

An act to save wildlife

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
2 SECTION 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
3 a. Cities meeting a population over 5,000 people have to dedicate 30% of
4 the land to help wildlife thrive.
5 b. No littering on the preserved space.
6 c. No hunting on the 30% of the preserved land.
7 d. The 7% will have bike paths and walkways
8 e. All of the preserved area has to be connected (in bundle).
9 f. 7% of the 30% persevered land will be open to the public.
10
11 SECTION 2: Cities meeting a population over 5,000 people have to
12 dedicate 30% of the land to help wildlife thrive and should be an area
13 that should not be harmed
14
15 SECTION 3: Penalty: If there is hunting or littering in that 30% of the
16 preserved land there will be a \$1,100 dollar fine.
17
18 SECTION 4: Cities can raise funds for their own community, but will also
19 receive a portion of the needed funding from gas taxes.
20
21 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
22 repealed.
23
24 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect January 15, 2017, the public
25 welfare requiring it.
26

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



HOUSE COMMITTEE 5



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Sponsors: Catherine Forbes, Alex Forbes
School: Brentwood Middle School

An Act to prohibit the use of headphones, earbuds, and Bluetooth headphones in both ears while operating motor vehicles or bicycles, excluding devices that aid the hearing impaired and to provide punishment therefore.

1 WHEREAS, the use of headphones, earbuds, and Bluetooth headphones
2 while driving cause the increase of accident risks by decreasing sensory
3 input and the ability to hear audible warning signals of approaching
4 vehicles, endangering drivers, therefore

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2016 TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:**

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8 Section 1) Operators of motor vehicles and bicycles are restricted from
9 wearing any type of headphones, earbuds, or Bluetooth headphones in
10 both ears, unless they have impaired hearing.

11
12 Section 2) Any violation of this will result in a \$50 fine for the first
13 infraction and \$100 for subsequent infractions.

14
15 Section 3) This act will not require funding from the state budget but may
16 generate revenue resulting from fines.

17
18 Section 4) All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby
19 repealed.

20
21 Section 5) This act will be enacted by the state immediately upon
22 becoming a law.
23



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RED HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Fazaan Nassar, Ileri Donsunmu, Carsten Rovey
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO REGULATE OPERATION OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YOUTH LEGISLATURE
2 For any autonomous vehicle operating on government roads on property
3 a licensed human motor vehicle operator has to monitor safe operation of
4 the autonomous vehicle from inside of the autonomous vehicle.

5
6 SECTION 2: As used in this, unless in the context otherwise requires, the
7 following definitions apply:

8 Autonomous motor vehicle: A motor vehicle equipped with autonomous
9 technology.

10 Autonomous technology: Technology that assists an automobile in
11 sensing its environment and navigation without human input.

12 Motor vehicle: A self-propelled passenger vehicle of any kind that moves
13 on water, land or in the sky an internal-combustion engine and/or electric
14 motor used for land transport.

15 Licensed: To have Permission granted by the (Tennessee) government.
16 Safe operation: The functioning of a system without endangerment to
17 organisms in the whole process.

18
19 SECTION 3: Violation of this law shall result in: A fine of no less than
20 \$500 dollars and no more than \$4,000 along with legal requirement to
21 repay damages, upon second offence a fine of no less than \$1,000 and
22 revocation of license.
23

24 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of in conflict with this are hereby repealed:

25
26 SECTION 5: This act shall take effect immediately upon passing, the
27 public welfare requiring it.
28



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Sponsors: Marim Sameer, Anghelo Guevara, Alayla Collins
School: Cameron College Prep

Sponsors: Aidan Moody, Nate Crenshaw, Justin Thresher, Luke Rucker
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

An Act to Eliminate the Death Penalty

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

- 3 a) Death Penalty: capital punishment, death penalty or execution is
- 4 government sanctioned punishment by death
- 5 b) Imprisonment: the state of being imprisoned; captivity.
- 6 c) Parole: the release of a prisoner temporarily (for a special purpose) or
- 7 permanently before the completion of a sentence, on the promise of good
- 8 behavior.

9 Section 2: This act will omit subsection(g) from the Tenn. Code Ann. 39-
10 13-204 which defines conditions for which a person may be sentenced to
11 death.

12 Section 3: Persons previously sentenced to death upon passage of this act
13 will have a sentence of life imprisonment without parole.

14 Section 4: This act will not require funding from the state but may
15 generate revenue due the cost of the death penalty relative to life
16 imprisonment.

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

19 Section 6: This act will take effect as soon as it is passed the public
20 welfare requiring it.
21



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Sponsors: Aidan Moody, Nate Crenshaw, Justin Thresher, Luke Rucker
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

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School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

An Act To Amend TCA 39-17-417, and Legalize Marijuana in the State of Tennessee

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

2
3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
4 shall be defined as follows:
5 a) Marijuana - the dried leaves of the hemp plant, used in cigarette form
6 as a narcotic or hallucinogen.
7

8 Section 2) All persons in the State of Tennessee who are at least twenty-
9 one years of age will be allowed to possess up to eight ounces of
10 marijuana or marijuana-included products.

11 Section 3) A licensed dealer will be permitted to carry up to 420 ounces.
12

13 Section 4) Any person violating this act will be charged with a
14 misdemeanor and fined up to 5,000 dollars per offense.
15

16 Section 4) This act will not require funding from the state budget, but will
17 generate revenue resulting from taxes and possible fines.
18

19 Section 5) Upon passage, this act will take effect July 1, 2016.
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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Nathalie Sokol, Ashlyn Burns, Angel Kirkland
School: Page Middle School

**AN ACT TO make sure your food is actually the food they are
advertising it to be**

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
- 2
- 3 SECTION 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as follows:
- 4 a. Inspection: Careful examination or scrutiny
- 5 b. Restaurant: a place where people pay to sit and eat meals that are
- 6 cooked and served on the premises
- 7 c. . Preservatives: : a substance used to preserve foodstuffs, wood or other
- 8 materials against decay
- 9
- 10 SECTION 2: When a restaurant has an inspection, than the food will be
- 11 inspected, as well, to make certain the company's description is accurate.
- 12 If the business claims the product is free of preservatives, they must be
- 13 able to prove that is true.
- 14
- 15 SECTION 3: Penalty: If the food has is not what than the restaurant
- 16 claims it to be, the restaurant has 3 months to fix the problem or they be
- 17 shut down.
- 18
- 19 SECTION 4: Each restaurant will pay a monthly fee that will cover the
- 20 cost of the food inspections.
- 21
- 22 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 23 repealed.
- 24
- 25 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect June 16, 2016 the public welfare
- 26 requiring it.
- 27



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Ankitha Dyapa, Sareen Mirza, Saikhanya Vadlapati
School: Page Middle School

**A RESOLUTION TO DECREASE GLOBAL WARMING AND
ELECTRICITY COSTS.**

- 1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT
- 2
- 3 SECTION 1:
- 4 a. Energy is power derived from the use of physical or chemical
- 5 resources, especially to provide light and heat or to work machines.
- 6 b. Renewable energy is energy from a source that does not run out when
- 7 used, such as wind or solar power.
- 8 c. . Fossil fuels are a natural fuel such as coal or gas, formed in the past
- 9 from the remains of living organisms.
- 10 d. Electrical energy is defined as an electric charge that allows work be
- 11 accomplished.
- 12
- 13 SECTION 2: Energy used for everyday life, such as fossil fuels, should be
- 14 switched to renewable energy. 30% of energy is going to be renewable
- 15 energy while the remaining 70% will be electrical energy for new homes.
- 16 This will apply to homes built after May 16, 2018, above 1,500 square
- 17 feet. Homes can surpass the 30% renewable energy guideline.
- 18
- 19 SECTION 3: Any new homes built after May 16, 2018, above 1,500
- 20 square feet, a \$200 fee each month for not following the law.
- 21
- 22 SECTION 4: The government will not fund for this law. The homeowner or
- 23 contractor needs to fund for it individually.
- 24
- 25 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
- 26 repealed.
- 27
- 28 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect in 2 years from May 16, 2016. (May
- 29 16, 2018)
- 30



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Connor Dougherty
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

An Act to Modify Tennessee State Standardized Testing

1 Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth League.

2

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

4 be defined as follows:

5 A) TNReady is a two part standardized test that every student in

6 Tennessee takes and it takes place in two parts. One part is in February

7 or March and the other part is assessed in May. TNReady is a

8 standardized test that takes the place of TCAP.

9 B) TCAP is a standardized test that got replaced by TNReady. TCAP stands

10 for Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program. TCAP is different

11 because students are assessed at the end of the year..

12

13 Section 2 : This act will require all students to take an assessment to

14 evaluate what they acquire over each quarter.

15

16 Section 3 : Many kids experience anxiety and it is hard to remember what

17 the students learned over that period of time. Many kids get worked up

18 and are stressed during the giant 70 question make it more generic test

19 at the end of the year. So it would be better if students had small tests to

20 see what they know over a shorter amount of time.

21

22 Section 4 : Students can get a better grade on the information that they

23 learn in the very beginning of the year. I talked to some educators and

24 they all believe that students will do better on things that they learn in

25 the beginning of the year on a standardized test that comes only on the

26 subject that they learned over that period of time.

27

28 Section 5 : All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby

29 repealed.

30

31 Section 6 : This act shall take effect on the 2017-2018 school year.

32



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: John Johnston, Eli Self, Jack Peltier, Logan Patterson
School: Page Middle School

**AN ACT TO BAN ALL PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED OF A
FELONY, AND FOUND GUILTY, FROM HANDLING WEAPONS THAT
CAN BE USED TO KILL OR INJURE ANOTHER PERSON**

1 SECTION 1 : BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH

2 LEGISLATURE:

3 For any person at or over the age of twelve (12) years of age who has

4 been found guilty of any felony, who is caught handling a weapon of any

5 size, are therefore unable to handle a weapon for the rest of his/her

6 natural life.

7

8 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,

9 the following definitions apply:

10 Injure: To harm, impair or tarnish the standing.

11 Weapon: Objects that is used to fight or attack persons.

12 Crime: An illegal act for which persons can be punished by the

13 government.

14 Felony: A crime, typically one involving violence, regarded as more

15 serious than a misdemeanor, and usually punishable by imprisonment for

16 more than one year or by death

17

18 SECTION 3: Violation of this law shall result in 5 years in jail, prison, or

19 penitentiary and 5 years of probation, if criminals are caught handling a

20 weapon(s).

21

22 SECTION 4: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby

23 repealed.

24

25 SECTION 5: This act shall take effect immediately upon passing, the

26 public welfare requiring it.

27

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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Reece Hutchens, Jason Amsler, Jude Bowers
School: Page Middle School

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL FOODS THAT CONTAIN GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS (GMOs) TO BE LABELED ACCORDINGLY

1 SECTION 1: Be it enacted by the Tennessee YMCA Youth Legislature:
2 For any/ all food products produced in the state of Tennessee that contain
3 any Genetically Modified Organisms to be labelled with a white label
4 measuring one (1) inch high by two (2) inches wide with a 14 point black
5 font proclaiming the phrase, "This product contains GMOs".
6
7 SECTION 2: As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires,
8 the following directions apply:
9 GMO: An organism that had its genetic material artificially modified
10 through the process of genetic engineering.
11 Label: A small piece of paper, plastic, or similar material attached or
12 annexed to an object refining its information and/ or written description.
13
14 SECTION 3: Food companies will have a slight cost to produce these
15 labels.
16
17 SECTION 4: Violation of this law shall result in a fine no less than
18 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) and no more than eight-
19 hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000.00).
20
21 SECTION 5: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby
22 repealed.
23
24 SECTION 6: This act shall take effect starting January 1st, 2016 upon
25 passing, the public welfare requiring it.
26



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Sponsors: Eva Katsaitis, Cyndie Reyes, Judith Hernandez
School: Hillsboro Elementary and Middle School

AN ACT TO INCREASE PUNISHMENTS FOR CONVICTED RAPISTS

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT:
2
3 Section 1) Terms used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise,
4 shall be defined as follows:
5 a) Rape - Forced sexual assault upon a person.
6 b) Statutory rape - Forced sexual assault upon a minor.
7 c) Minor- A person who is under eighteen years of age.
8
9 Section 2) All people convicted of rape in the State will be sentenced to a
10 minimum of nine years in prison, without the possibility of parole before
11 five years, and be fined \$4,000.
12
13 Section 3) All people convicted of statutory rape in the State will be
14 sentenced to a minimum of ten years in prison, without the possibility of
15 parole before seven years, and be fined \$5,000.
16
17 Section 4) This act will not require funding from the state budget but
18 may generate revenue resulting from fines.
19
20 Section 5) All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby
21 repealed.
22
23 Section 6) This act shall take effect July 1, 2016. The public welfare
24 requiring it.
25



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BLUE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Sponsors: Mary Nicholson, Marim Abbas
School: Page Middle School

An Act to mandate School buses have seat belts

1 Be it enacted by the TENNESSEE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT

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

- 4 a. School Buses- a vehicle that transports students to and from school
5 that is licensed and hired by the school or school district.
6 b. Seat Belts- a belt or strap fastened around the stomach to keep the
7 person safely secured, during a sudden stop.
8 c. State- a territory that belongs to a country

9
10 SECTION 2: All schools must have seat belts on their school buses.

11
12 SECTION 3: Penalty: 500 dollar fines.

13
14 SECTION 4: The seatbelts will be paid for by the state using the fines
15 collected and through school fundraisers.

16
17 SECTION 5: All laws or parts on laws in conflict with this act are hereby
18 repealed.

19
20 SECTION 6: This law shall take effect June 21, 2016, the public welfare
21 requiring it.
22



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