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## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 4572**

### *No More Free Lunch (NMFL)*

Be it enacted,

Article 1: Let it be resolved that free lunch shall be abolished and phased out for all students regardless of existing qualifications in the state of Virginia.

Article 2: Let it be defined that the classification of student refers to someone who is currently enrolled in a k-12 school system.

Article 3: Let it also be defined that the current existing qualifications are derived from programs such as SNAP, CEP, TANF, and FDPIR.

Article 4: Let it be known that the newfound funds will be allocated towards resources for those who need academic assistance in the form of tutoring, more supplies, or paying for fees.

Article 5: Let it be decided that the Virginia Department of Education shall be responsible for phasing out free lunches and reallocating the funds for academic assistance.

Article 6: This legislation shall be passed by the Virginia General Assembly then passed on to the governor for approval and implementation in the 2027-2028 academic year.

Article 7: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Joseph Davila

Granby High School

on Tue Feb 10 2026 14:25:15 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Resolution 7252**

### *Universal Basic Income*

Be it resolved,

Be it resolved

That if one should find themselves out of employment, work, or any meaningful forms of income, and should wind up in poverty and homelessness.

Or should one be failing to make enough money to support themselves or their family with or without unemployment assistance;

Whereas one's living condition decreases to miserable conditions

and the dangers of starvation and exposure become evident;

WHEREAS current government assistance programs

such as state unemployment fails to meet one's basic needs,

or can create a system where upon getting a job or work,

one makes enough income to be ineligible for unemployment insurance,

reducing their income to worse than before;

WHEREAS you can spiral in and out of assistance

failing to make enough money to support your family or household

WHEREAS one works a job but still needs assistance they can't get,

causing them to make less money than they had when out of a job;

THEREFORE be it resolved by this student congress

that any governing body should provide

to any such person in such a predicament,

universal, unconditional, and regular payments

to keep themselves and their families afloat and out of unemployment,

and maintain their basic livelihoods free from poverty and misery.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Thomas Ormiston

Granby High School

on Tue Feb 10 2026 14:53:58 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 6767**

### *Controlling Pesticides Act*

Be it enacted,

This bill will establish regulations upon the pesticides and chemicals permitted for commercial and personal use.

WHEREAS use of chemicals will be restricted to ones approved by the city counsel

WHEREAS the insect population shall be restored to healthy baseline levels

WHEREAS those in violation of this bill shall face appropriate consequences dictated by district

BE IT RATIFIED by the city government that a restriction on acceptable

pesticides will be placed, whether use is for domestic or commercial

purposes or used on public or private property; pesticides have a long

and well-documented history of decimating wildlife and nature as well

as interfering with agricultural efforts, and insects just as all

members of the natural order must be preserved and protected, even if

they are seen as more unsightly than other creatures such as squirrels

or birds.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Amergin Suggs

Granby High School

on Tue Feb 10 2026 15:05:56 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill #0905**

### ***A BILL TO REMOVE THE EDUCATIONAL CHOICE FOR CHILDREN ACT" IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE CONTINUED SPREAD OF PRIVATE SCHOOL VOUCHERS***

Be it enacted,

Line 1: Article I: As of the passing of this bill, the United States shall completely abolish the  
Line 2: "Educational Choice for Children Act" which was championed by the Trump  
Line 3: Administration as a part of the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act". The "Educational Choice  
Line 4: for Children Act" allowed for easier access to Private School Vouchers (PSV). The  
Line 5: purpose of removing this federal legislation is to avoid the drastic defending of  
Line 6: public schools due to the redirection of public school funding that the "Educational  
Line 7: Choice for Children Act". The other intended purpose is to reduce negative academic  
Line 8: outcomes that are directly connected with the lack of funding within public schools.  
Line 9:

Line 10: Article II: For clarity purposes, within the context of this bill "Abolished" shall be  
Line 11: defined as bringing something to an end. "Private School Voucher (PSV)" shall be  
Line 12: defined as paid publicly funded assistance for private school tuition that will assist  
Line 13: up to \$1,700. "Defunding" shall be defined as the action of reducing or completely  
Line 14: eliminating financial support from a program, organization, or agency. "Public  
Line 15: Schools" shall be defined as a school funded by the government and is free for  
Line 15: students to attend. "Redirecting" shall be defined as the change or drastic shift.  
Line 16: "Negative Academic Outcomes" shall be defined as results pointed towards  
Line 17: students receiving less education or performing at a lower level.

Line 18:

Line 19: Article III: The organization overseeing this bill shall be the Departments of  
Line 20: Education

Line 21:

Line 22: Article IV: This bill shall be in effect January 1st, 2027

Line 23:

Line 24: Article V: All laws in contradiction to this bill shall be null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Isaiah De La Luz

Warwick Highschool

on Tue Feb 17 2026 10:33:54 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Resolution 0228**

### ***A RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS FOR ALL ELIGIBLE HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS***

Be it resolved,

Line 01: WHEREAS, the Republic of Haiti currently stands in a humanitarian crisis  
Line 02: characterized by widespread food insecurity, lack of access to clean water,  
Line 03: electricity shortages, political unrest, healthcare system collapse, and civil  
Line 04: instability affecting over 12 million residents, and  
Line 05:

Line 06: WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 Haitian Temporary Protection Status (TPS)  
Line 07: holders contribute to the United States labor force serving job shortages in the  
Line 08: infrastructure, agriculture, and healthcare sectors. As well as having credited  
Line 09: reports of restabilizing declining state populations such as that of Ohio.  
Line 10:

Line 11: WHEREAS, The Trump Administration has repeatedly made threats about the  
Line 12: removal of Temporary Protected Status for Haitians, claiming Haitians bring  
Line 13: an exorbitant amount of crime to the US, however U.S. District Judge Ana C.  
Line 14: Reyes struck down the attempt to end Temporary Protected Status for 350,000  
Line 15: Haitians on February 2nd stating the actions “null, void, and of no legal effect.”  
Line 16:

Line 17: WHEREAS, The criteria for eligibility of Temporary Protected Status shall be  
Line 18: continued as being a national of the country designated, or stateless with credit  
Line 19: of residence, having no criminal record greater than or equaling two  
Line 20: misdemeanors, and providing documentation of identity, therefore be it  
Line 21:

Line 20: RESOLVED, The United States Government in unison with the Department of  
Line 21: Homeland Security shall maintain the Temporary Protected Status of all  
Line 22: eligible Haitian immigrants present in the United States until Temporary  
Line 23: Protected Status meets the criteria for removal by which the Republic of  
Line 24: Haiti demonstrates a clear and present stability, in all forms politically and  
Line 25: socially, for all of its citizens.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Ethan Johnson

Warwick High School

on Wed Feb 18 2026 20:07:08 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 0608**

### ***EXPAND UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN VIRGINIA ACT (USM-VA)***

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article 1: Virginia expands Universal School Meal Programs to  
Line 02: ALL schools in the state who are eligible through Community  
Line 03: Eligibility Provision(CEP) program ensuring that attending  
Line 04: students receive free breakfast and lunch daily.

Line 05: Article 2: “Universal School Meal Programs” refer to state or  
Line 06: federally funded government programs that aid in providing  
Line 07: meals for students K-12. The “CEP” stands for the “Community  
Line 08: Eligibility Provision” program that allows eligible schools  
Line 09: to offer a non-pricing meal service to all students at no  
Line 10: charge for lunch and breakfast meals. The “schools” referred  
Line 11: to are public K-12 schools that have a high low-income  
Line 12: student population in high schools, middle schools, and  
Line 13: elementary schools.

Line 14: Article 3: Upon passage, this legislation will be enforced by  
Line 15: the Virginia Department of Education

Line 16: Article 4: This bill shall be implemented on July 31, 2026

Line 17: Article 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are  
Line 18: hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Brady Rabajante

King's Fork High School

on Thu Feb 19 2026 12:37:41 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 0525**

### *A Bill to Fund Rural Economies and School Health (F.R.E.S.H. Act)*

Be it enacted,

Line 1: Article I: In order to ensure children across the commonwealth are nourished no

Line 2: matter their living situation, the governor of Virginia, Abigail Spanberger, in

Line 3: partnership with Virginia's General Assembly, shall allocate 300 of the remaining 900

Line 4: million excess funding toward agriculture. Virginia's Farm to School Program shall

Line 5: ensure that at least 20% of farms' annual production output is provided to public

Line 6: schools. These products shall be purchased by the school districts directly. This will

Line 7: allow Virginia's 2000 public schools to be provided with locally grown, farm fresh

Line 8: products.

Line 8: Article II: Products shall be defined as produce, poultry, dairy, grain, and cattle grown

Line 9: within the state borders of Virginia. Virginia's Farm to School Program shall be

Line 10: defined as an initiative that connects local farmers with school cafeterias to

Line 11: provide fresh, Virginia grown food to students while supporting local agriculture.

Line 12: Article III: The Executive Branch of Virginia shall oversee the implementation and

Line 13: enforcement of this bill.

Line 14: Article IV: This bill shall go into effect no later than August 24th, 2026.

Line 15: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared

Line 16: null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Karana Robertson

Warwick High School

on Fri Feb 20 2026 08:50:51 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Resolution 6737**

### *Should UBI Be Implemented for All Citizens*

Be it resolved,

Line 1: WHEREAS, Universal Basic Income (UBI) is a government program that provides

Line 2: every adult citizen with a guaranteed monthly payment regardless of employment;

Line 3: and

Line 4: WHEREAS, UBI proposes giving each citizen a monthly payment of \$1700,

Line 5: which is enough for an individual to barely cover basic living expenses; and

Line 6:

Line 7: WHEREAS, many Americans struggle with financial insecurity, unstable

Line 8: employment, and rising costs of housing, food, and healthcare; and

Line 9:

Line 10: WHEREAS, a guaranteed income would provide a safety net, reduce poverty,

Line 11: and give citizens more economic stability, therefore be it

Line 12:

Line 13: RESOLVED, That the United States government shall implement a Universal

Line 14: Basic Income program providing \$1700 per month to all adult citizens.

Line 15:

Line 16: FURTHER RESOLVED, That this program shall be reviewed annually to

Line 17: assess economic impact and ensure long-term sustainability.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Jaden Mugochoi

Warwick High School

on Fri Feb 20 2026 13:46:26 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket B: Domestic Bill 1030**

### *A BILL TO ESTABLISH PLANTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL LANDSCAPES AND ECOSYSTEM NOURISHMENT (P.O.L.L.E.N. ACT)*

Be it enacted,

Line 1: Article I: The Pollen Act shall address the decline of at-risk butterfly populations within  
Line 2: the United States by establishing the Pollen Program within Federal Incarceration  
Line 3: Centers. The Pollen Program will benefit local ecosystems by encouraging vital  
Line 4: pollinator and food chain supportive populations to grow through the creation of gardens  
Line 5: with species specific plants and food sources for native butterflies. This Act will also  
Line 6: support incarcerated populations by providing meaningful outdoor activity and other  
Line 7: long-term benefits to prisoners. The funding for the Pollen Act will be given by the  
Line 8: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s Butterfly and Pollinators Conservation Fund,  
Line 9: Environmental Quality Incentives Program, and Conservation Stewardship Program  
Line 10: grants.

Line 11:

Line 12: Article II: Native plantings shall be defined as wildflowers, herbs, and shrubs that have  
Line 11: occurred, developed, and adapted naturally with the specific region over long periods of  
Line 12: time. Species-specific food sources shall be defined as the specialized plants that are  
Line 13: tailored to evolutionary, metabolic, and physical needs of a specific organism over time.  
Line 14: Federal Incarceration Centers shall be defined as Federal level: Prisons, Correctional  
Line 15: Institutions, and Confined Mental Health Institutions. Incarcerated populations shall be  
Line 16: defined as imprisoned individuals who are deemed physically and mentally capable of  
Line 17: participation in the Pollen Program.

Line 18:

Line 19: Article III: The Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) along with local Garden Clubs and  
Line 20: Horticultural Societies shall oversee the implementation and enforcement of this bill.

Line 21:

Line 22: Article IV: This bill shall go into effect as of March 20th, 2027.

Line 23:

Line 24: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict of this bill shall hereby be declared null and  
Line 25: void.

Respectfully submitted for Congressional Debate,

Martha-Ann Wells

Warwick High School

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Martha-Ann Wells

Warwick High School

on Thu Feb 19 2026 17:02:12 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket B: Economic Bill 3925**

### *A BILL TO REQUIRE PAID LEAVE FOR U.S EMPLOYEES*

Be it enacted,

Line 1: WHEREAS, the United States does not have a federal law that requires paid time off,

Line 2: and

Line 3:

Line 4: WHEREAS, the U.S. is the only developed country that does not offer paid

Line 5: vacation, sick leave, or maternity leave, and

Line 6:

Line 7: WHEREAS, paid leave ensures the protection and fairness towards all employees,

Line 8:

Line 9: WHEREAS, paid leave increases workplace productivity and promotes a more

Line 10: positive working environment, therefore be it

Line 11:

Line 12: RESOLVED, The Student Congress here assembled shall mandate paid time off

Line 13: for U.S. employees

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Lauren Thomas

Warwick High School

on Fri Feb 20 2026 15:30:32 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket B: Economic Bill 3925**

### ***A BILL TO REQUIRE PAID LEAVE FOR U.S EMPLOYEES***

Be it enacted,

Line 1: WHEREAS, the United States does not have a federal law that requires paid time off,

Line 2: and

Line 3:

Line 4: WHEREAS, the U.S. is the only developed country that does not offer paid

Line 5: vacation, sick leave, or maternity leave, and

Line 6:

Line 7: WHEREAS, paid leave ensures the protection and fairness towards all employees,

Line 8:

Line 9: WHEREAS, paid leave increases workplace productivity and promotes a more

Line 10: positive working environment, therefore be it

Line 11:

Line 12: RESOLVED, The Student Congress here assembled shall mandate paid time off

Line 13: for U.S. employees

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Lauren Thomas

Warwick High School

on Fri Feb 20 2026 15:55:10 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket B: Economic Bill 3925**

### *A BILL TO REQUIRE PAID LEAVE FOR U.S EMPLOYEES*

Be it enacted,

Line 1: WHEREAS, the United States does not have a federal law that requires paid time off,

Line 2: and

Line 3:

Line 4: WHEREAS, the U.S. is the only developed country that does not offer paid

Line 5: vacation, sick leave, or maternity leave, and

Line 6:

Line 7: WHEREAS, paid leave ensures the protection and fairness towards all employees,

Line 8:

Line 9: WHEREAS, paid leave increases workplace productivity and promotes a more

Line 10: positive working environment, therefore be it

Line 11:

Line 12: RESOLVED, The Student Congress here assembled shall mandate paid time off

Line 13: for U.S. employees

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Lauren Thomas

Warwick High School

on Fri Feb 20 2026 16:00:59 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket B: Economic Bill 3925**

### *A BILL TO REQUIRE PAID LEAVE FOR U.S EMPLOYEES*

Be it enacted,

Line 1: WHEREAS, the United States does not have a federal law that requires paid time off,

Line 2: and

Line 3:

Line 4: WHEREAS, the U.S. is the only developed country that does not offer paid

Line 5: vacation, sick leave, or maternity leave, and

Line 6:

Line 7: WHEREAS, paid leave ensures the protection and fairness towards all employees

Line 8: ,and

Line 9:

Line 10: WHEREAS, paid leave increases workplace productivity and promotes a more

Line 11: positive working environment, therefore be it

Line 12:

Line 13: RESOLVED, The Student Congress here assembled shall mandate paid time off

Line 14: for U.S. employees

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Lauren Thomas

Warwick High School

on Fri Feb 20 2026 16:05:45 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Super Session: Economic Bill 1138**

### *Limit Domestic Manufacturing in America*

Be it enacted,

Article 1: Let it be known that the current workforce of the United States can not support an increase in domestic manufacturing and that it must be outsourced.

Article 2: Let it be resolved that a 5 year plan will be evoked to move domestic manufacturing to foreign nations.

Article 3: Let it be defined that domestic manufacturing refers to any good or service made inside a U.S. state or territory.

Article 4: Let it be defined that outsourced refers to obtaining goods and services from a foreign country.

Article 5: Let it be decided that the U.S. Department of Labor will enforce the 5 year plan to transition manufacturing from domestic to foreign.

Article 6: This legislation shall be approved by the U.S. Congress and the president.

Article 7: This legislation will come into effect January 1, 2027

Article 8: All laws in conflict with this legislation shall be declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Joseph Davila

Granby High School

on Tue Feb 10 2026 14:58:53 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Super Session: Economic Bill 8219**

### *THE IMPROVE AND EXPAND DOMESTIC MANUFACTURING ACT*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: Article 1: The Federal Government reduces dependency on  
Line 02: foreign suppliers by sourcing materials locally by supporting  
Line 03: smaller businesses, suppliers, and services thus encouraging  
Line 04: more domestic manufacturing. The Federal Government shall  
Line 05: also invest in Research and Development to further improve  
Line 06: this industry's technology and innovation.

Line 07: Article 2: "Dependency on foreign suppliers" describes a  
Line 08: nation's reliance on other foreign nations to produce our  
Line 09: consumer goods and products. "Research and Development"  
Line 10: defines gaining knowledge to improve the industry and being  
Line 11: able to advance the technology used within the industry.

Line 12: Article 3: Upon passage, this legislation will be enforced by  
Line 13: the Department of Energy

Line 14: Article 4: This bill shall be implemented on January 31, 2028

Line 15: Article 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are  
Line 16: hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Brady Rabajante

King's Fork High School

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