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## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 2543**

### *A Bill to Increase State Minimum Wage*

Be it enacted,

SECTION 1. The State minimum wage shall be raised to \$8.50

for all tipped employees. The minimum wage shall increase in increments to ensure that the new minimum wage can be met by 2028.

SECTION 2. a) “Tipped Employees” refers to workers who receive tips along with an hourly minimum wage.

SECTION 3. The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) shall oversee the implementation of this bill.

SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect July 1, 2026

a) By January 1, 2027 the minimum wage shall increase to \$4.50 for all tipped employees.

b) By July 1, 2027 the minimum wage must be increased to \$6.50 for tipped employees.

c) The new minimum wage of \$8.50 must be attained and effective by January 1, 2028.

SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby

declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative McKenzie Graham

Cosby High School

on Thu Feb 19 2026 15:51:21 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 1644**

### *The No Outsourcing Public Education Act (N.O.P.E. Act)*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States shall prohibit the use of

Line 02: federal, state, or local public funds for school voucher

Line 03: programs that allow students to attend private or non-

Line 04: public educational institutions.

Line 05: SECTION 2. For the purposes of this bill, a school voucher

Line 06: program shall be defined as any government-funded

Line 07: initiative that allocates public education funds to

Line 08: individuals or families for tuition or expenses at

Line 09: private, parochial, or non-public schools.

Line 10: SECTION 3. Any state or local education agency currently

Line 11: administering a voucher program shall phase out such

Line 12: programs within one calendar year of this bill's passage.

Line 13: SECTION 4. The United States Department of Education

Line 14: shall be responsible for overseeing the enforcement of

Line 15: this legislation and ensuring compliance among state

Line 16: and local education agencies.

Line 17: SECTION 5. This bill shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

Line 18: SECTION 6. All laws and policies in conflict with this

Line 19: legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Connor Preciado

Cosby High School

on Thu Feb 19 2026 16:10:41 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 2876**

### *A Bill to Fund the Restoration of Insect Habitats*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The Federal Government shall establish a program

Line 02: to provide grants of \$5,000 per acre to fund the creation or

Line 03: restoration of insect habitats (planting native vegetation,

Line 04: barring pesticides, etc.) to foster population growth among

Line 05: pollinating insects.

Line 06: SECTION 2. Insect Habitat - An area with specific

Line 07: environmental conditions in which an organism lives and

Line 08: reproduces.

Line 09: Creation or Restoration - The establishment of new

Line 10: habitats in places where they did not previously exist,

Line 11: or the process of returning a damaged or destroyed

Line 12: ecosystem to approximate its original state.

Line 13: Pollinating Insects - Including but not limited to bees,

Line 14: butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, and wasps.

Line 15: SECTION 3. The Department of the Interior shall enforce

Line 16: this program.

Line 17: A. Grant recipients must submit quarterly reports and

Line 18: agree to prevent misuse of funds.

Line 19: B. Funds will be revoked in cases of misuse or fraud.

Line 20: SECTION 4. January 1st, 2027.

Line 21: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are

Line 22: hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Elizabeth Chapman

Cosby High School

on Wed Feb 25 2026 21:40:10 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Bill 0903**

### *A Bill to invest in Siberia thermal road infrastructure*

Be it enacted,

Line 00 : Article 1 : Through the passing of this legislation, the government shall select to provide \$22 billion dollars for thermal road insulation. The Federal Road Agency should evaluate which roads need immediate infrastructural development.

Line : Article 2 : Thermal road insulation refers to specialized techniques and materials applied to road construction, typically beneath the pavement layer, to control temperature, prevent frost damage, and maintain structural integrity.

Line : Article 3 : The Siberia Federal Road Agency will oversee the enforcement of this bill

Line : Article 4 : This bill will take effect June 1, 2026

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

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Zaakera Person

Oscar Smith High School

on Thu Feb 26 2026 12:18:37 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Resolution 1804**

### *A Resolution to Establish Project S.H.E.I.L.D - Security and Humanitarian Infrastructure for Emergency and Logistical Defense - in Haiti*

Be it resolved,

Line01: WHEREAS the United States has been in many military conflicts

Line02: in which the United States has taken stands on other

Line03: countries like Venezuela.

Line04:

Line05: WHEREAS other countries have not been fond of

Line06: United States of America's actions in which the

Line07: United States have political tensions with

Line08: examples being but not limited to

Line09: Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, Greenland, and Denmark.

Line10:

Line11: WHEREAS Haiti is in a geological strong point

Line12: in the Caribbean.

Line13:

Line14: WHEREAS Haiti is a military geological stronghold that

Line15: could stop many attacks and invasions on the United States.

Line16:

Line17: WHEREAS Haiti is a key alliance that allows for

Line18: martine trade throughout the Caribbean and key imports.

Line19:

Line20: WHEREAS Haiti is still a growing country that needs more

Line21: infrastructure such as airports and ports to allow for more

Line22: government and humanitarian aid but also trade accesses.

Line23:

Line24: THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this student congress

Line25: that there shall be contact with the Haitian government

Line26: officials for meetings and conversations to set up

Line27: military bases in Haiti to defend the

Line28: United States and Haiti from any country or disaster.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Louis Giometti

Cosby

on Thu Feb 26 2026 15:25:07 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 1776**

### *A Bill to to Expand Nutritious Options in Virginia School Lunches*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE 1. The Virginia Department of Education will  
Line 02: increase the funding for school lunches by 1 million  
Line 03: dollars to expand the variety and accessibility of  
Line 04: school lunches.

Line 05: ARTICLE 2. Increased funding will be allocated to  
Line 06: individual school divisions via the existing Standards  
Line 07: of Quality (SOQ) State formula for school assistance.  
Line 08: Variety shall be defined as the daily provision of at  
Line 09: least three distinct entree options, including at  
Line 10: least one plant-based/vegetarian option and one option  
Line 11: that accommodates common religious or allergen-based  
Line 12: dietary restrictions. Accessibility shall be defined  
Line 13: as the expansion of the "Community Eligibility  
Line 14: Provision" (CEP) to high-need districts, ensuring that  
Line 15: all students in participating schools can receive  
Line 16: meals at no cost regardless of individual household  
Line 17: income applications.

Line 18: ARTICLE 3. The Department of Education, shall oversee  
Line 19: the implementation of this bill, including the auditing  
Line 20: of nutritional standards and fund distribution.

Line 21: ARTICLE 4. This legislation shall take effect on the  
Line 22: first day of the fiscal year following its passage.

Line 23: ARTICLE 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation  
Line 24: are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Lauren Matthews

Cosby High School

on Thu Feb 26 2026 15:29:16 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 2376**

### *A Bill to Extend the Family and Medical Leave Act to New Parents*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) shall extend

Line 02: their set unpaid time up to 16 weeks for new parents.

Line 03: SECTION 2. "FMLA" is defined as: US federal law providing

Line 04: eligible employees with up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected

Line 05: leave per year for qualifying family and medical reasons.

Line 06: "new parents" is defined as: parents with a newborn child, or

Line 07: those who have adopted a child recently.

Line 08: SECTION 3. The US Department of Labor will oversee the

Line 09: enforcement of the bill. The Wage and Hour Division (WHD)

Line 10: will place the enforcements.

Line 11: SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on October 1st, 2026.

Line 12: SECTION 5. All laws in conflict with this legislation are

Line 13: hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Morgan Gray

Cosby High School

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Morgan Gray

Cosby High School

on Thu Feb 26 2026 15:32:48 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 0827**

### *A Bill to Restrict the Use of Private School Vouchers*

Be it enacted,

Line 01 : ARTICLE 1: Through the passing of this legislation, the use of Private School

Line 02 : Vouchers shall be strictly prohibited so that only students requiring special

Line 03 : education or disabilities programs may utilize these vouchers.

Line 04 : ARTICLE 2: Private School Vouchers are defined as any subsidy directed to private

Line 05 : or religious institutions, and redirected from the public school system. Special

Line 06: needs/disabilities programs are any educational service targeted for those with

Line 07 : specific physical, emotional, mental, or learning disabilities.

Line 08 : ARTICLE 3: The Departments overseeing the execution of this bill are the

Line 09 : Department of Education and the Department of the Treasury.

Line 10 : ARTICLE 4: This bill will take effect June 1, 2026

Line 11 : ARTICLE 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and

Line 12 : void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Benjamin Piersall

Oscar Smith High School

on Thu Feb 26 2026 16:12:13 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 0627**

*A Bill to Limit Private School Voucher Programs and Redirect Fund to improve Public School Education.*

Be it enacted,

Line 01 : ARTICLE 1: Through the passing of this legislation, Federal money cannot be used

Line 02 : to fund Private School Vouchers. States may run their own private school voucher

Line 03 : programs using their own money, not Federal funding.

Line 04 : ARTICLE 2: Private School Voucher is defined as usage of public funding to pay the

Line 05 : tuition of a student going to a private or religious education institution.

Line 06 : Private School is defined as an educational institution not funded by Local, State,

Line 07 : or Federal governments.

Line 09 : ARTICLE 3: The US Department of Education (DOE) will oversee the enforcement of

Line 10 : this bill, including the monitoring of federal funds being redirected into Public

Line 11 : Education.

Line 12 : ARTICLE 4: This bill will take effect June 1st, 2026.

Line 13 : ARTICLE 5: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and

Line 14 : void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Jayelle Beatty

Oscar Smith High School

on Thu Feb 26 2026 16:12:16 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Bill 0703**

### *Haiti Healthcare Act 2027*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The U.S. shall allocate approximately 100 million dollars of funding

Line 02: and resources to Haiti exclusively for healthcare initiatives.

Line 03:

Line 04: SECTION 2. Funds will specifically be used for healthcare facilities, including but

Line 05: not limited to: hospitals, clinics, clean water, electricity, etc...

Line 06: Resources includes but not is limited to: vaccines for cholera, tuberculosis, malaria,

Line 07: and care for conditions such as non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

Line 08:

Line 09: SECTION 3. The purpose of this Act is to improve the health and wellness of the

Line 10: Haitian population, reduce preventable illnesses, and support stability, thereby

Line 11: indirectly mitigating immigration pressures and fostering improved relations

Line 12: between Haiti and the United States.

Line 13:

Line 14: SECTION 4. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of

Line 15: Global Affairs (OGA) will oversee the execution of this bill.

Line 16:

Line 17: SECTION 5. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027. All laws in conflict

Line 18: with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Lia Truong

Manchester High School

on Thu Feb 26 2026 23:08:15 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 1111**

### *Equal Start Act: Mandating Paid Parental Leave for Non-Birthing Parents*

Be it enacted,

SECTION 1. All employers subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act shall provide a minimum of twelve (12) weeks of fully paid parental leave to employees who are non-birthing parents following the birth, adoption, or foster placement of a child. This leave shall be separate from and in addition to any medical leave provided to the birthing parent.

SECTION 2. “Non-birthing” or “non-gestational” shall be defined as any individual involved in raising a child but did not physically give birth.

“Paid leave” shall be defined as 100% of the employee’s regular rate of pay, maintaining all existing health and retirement benefits during the duration of the leave.

SECTION 3. The Department of Labor (DOL) shall oversee the enforcement of this legislation and establish the Federal Parental Leave Insurance Fund (FPLIF).

The FPLIF shall be financed by a 0.1% employer payroll tax.

During the 12-week leave period, the FPLIF shall reimburse employers for 80% of the employee's salary. Employers shall be responsible for the remaining 20%.

Small Businesses (defined as companies with fewer than 100 employees) shall be eligible for a 100% salary reimbursement from the FPLIF.

Employers found in violation of this act shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$10,000 per individual occurrence.

SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2027, all laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Liliana Quarles

Manchester High School

on Fri Feb 27 2026 07:05:35 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 0921**

### *A Bill to Progressively Increase Minimum Wage in Virginia*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The Commonwealth of  
Line 02: Virginia shall implement a progressive  
Line 03: increase to the state minimum wage to  
Line 04: \$15.00, while adjusting to account for  
Line 05: inflation.

Line 06: SECTION 2. The transition phase: Minimum Line 07: wage shall be set at these rates  
Line 08: Effective January 1, 2026: \$13.75 per hour. Line 09: Effective January 1, 2027: \$15.00 per hour.

Line 10: SECTION 3. The Virginia Department of Line 11: Labor and Industry (DOLI) shall calculate Line  
Line 12: and implement the new rate by October 1 of Line 13: each preceding year.

Line 14: SECTION 4. This legislation will take Line 15: effect on January 1, 2026 All laws in L  
Line 16: conflict with this legislation are hereby  
Line 17: declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Genesis Sierra

Manchester High School

on Fri Feb 27 2026 18:54:43 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket B: Economic Bill 2010**

*A Bill to Implement a Universal Basic Income.*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE 1: The United States federal government shall implement a Universal Basic

Line 02: Income program to provide a guaranteed financial floor for all adult citizens.

Line 03: ARTICLE 2: Universal Basic Income: A periodic, unconditional cash payment

Line 04: delivered to all individuals on an individual basis, regardless of other income or

Line 05: employment status.

Line 06: Adult Citizen: Any legal citizen of the United States aged 18 years or older.

Line 07: ARTICLE 3: A. Every eligible adult citizen shall receive a monthly disbursement of

Line 08: \$1,000 USD.

Line 09: To fund this program, a 15% Value Added Tax shall be implemented on non

Line 10: essential goods and financial transactions.

Line 11: Current means tested federal welfare programs, including TANF ( Temporary

Line 12: Assistance for Needy Families) shall be consolidated.

Line 13: replaced by the UBI (Universal Basic Income) to reduce administrative overhead.

Line 14: ARTICLE 4: The Department of the Treasury, in coordination with the Social Security

Line 15: Administration shall oversee the distribution of funds and tax collection.

Line 16: ARTICLE 5: This legislation shall take effect on June 1, 2026. All laws in conflict

Line 17: with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Meylin Zuniga

Oscar Smith High School

on Thu Feb 26 2026 16:12:15 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket B: Economic Bill 0978**

*A Bill to establish a national paid leave program.*

Be it enacted,

Line 01:ARTICLE 1: Through the passing of this

Line 02: legislation, Employees will be entitled

Line 03: to up to 12 weeks of Compensatory

Line 04: Leave per twelve month period on the

Line 05:occurrence of the birth or adoption

Line 06: of a child, personal medical

Line 07: complications, or to assist family

Line 08: members. Employees must be granted

Line 09: job security during their compensatory leave.

Line 09:ARTICLE 2: Eligible employees are

Line 10:defined as persons who recently have

Line 11: given birth or adopted a child or have

Line 12: medical emergencies. Eligible

Line 13: employees will receive 58% of their

Line 14: biweekly pay while on their leave of

line 16: Absence Employees will be guaranteed

Line 17: job protection during their

Line 18: compensatory leave.

Line 19: ARTICLE 3: The US department of

Line 20: Labor shall oversee the enforcement

Line 21: and regulation of this bill.

Line 22:ARTICLE 4: This bill will take

Line 23:effect June 1, 2026

Line 24: ARTICLE 5: All laws in conflict with

Line 25: this legislation are hereby declared

Line 26: null and void

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Caroline Sefah boateng

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on Thu Feb 26 2026 16:16:05 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)