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## **Docket A: Domestic Bill 1561**

### *A Bill To Prohibit Private School Voucher Programs*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01:

Line02: Article I: The United States Federal Government shall  
Line03: prohibit the creation, funding, or operation of private  
Line04: school voucher programs within the United States of America.

Line05:

Line06: Article II: A private school voucher is defined as any  
Line07: government-funded grant, subsidy, or credit provided to  
Line08: students or families for the purpose of paying tuition  
Line09: or educational expenses at private, religious, or  
Line10: non-public schools, whether administered at the  
Line11: federal, state, or local level.

Line12:

Line13: Article III: This bill shall be implemented on July  
Line14: 1st, 2026

Line15:

Line16: Article IV: The Department of Education shall  
Line17: oversee the implementation of this legislation,  
Line18: allocating 500 million US dollars to enforcement  
Line19: mechanisms.

Line20:

Line21: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new  
Line22: law, including local and state voucher programs as well  
Line23: as the Educational Choice for Children Act (ECCA, H.R.  
Line24: 833) as a part of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R.  
Line25: 1) are hereby deemed null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Aryan Garg

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

on Mon Feb 16 2026 10:25:13 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Bill 1562**

### *A Bill To Provide Aid to Haiti*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01:

Line02: Article I: The United States Federal Government shall

Line03: allocate \$500 Million dollars to Haiti for humanitarian

Line04: aid purposes and to strengthen the Haitian National Police

Line05: force.

line06:

Line07: Article II: For this bill, the following terms will be

Line08: defined as: a) Humanitarian Aid: assistance that is

Line09: intended to relieve human suffering and preserve life,

Line10: including food, water, medical care, shelter, essential

Line11: infrastructure, and support necessary to ensure the safe

Line12: delivery of such assistance in Haiti. b) Strengthening

Line13: the Haitian National Police: providing training,

Line14: equipment, logistical support, infrastructure, and

Line15: measures to increase operational capacity and maintain

Line16: public order in Haiti.

Line17:

Line18: Article III: The \$500 Million granted will be allocated

Line19: as such: a) \$300 Million for all Humanitarian Aid

Line20: purposes, \$150 Million for strengthening the Haitian

Line21: National Police force, and \$50 Million for oversight of

Line22: funds.

Line23:

Line24: Article IV: This bill shall be implemented on January

Line25: 1st, 2026

Line26:

Line27: Article V: The United States Agency for

Line28: International Development, the Department of

Line29: State, and the Department of Justice shall oversee

Line30: the implementation of this legislation.

Line31:

Line32: Article VI: All laws and policies in conflict with new

Line33: law are hereby deemed null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Yeni Akinrinlola

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

on Mon Feb 16 2026 10:26:32 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 1563**

### *A Bill To Establish Universal Basic Income*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01:

Line02: Article I: The United States shall implement Universal Basic

Line03: Income (UBI), providing every legal resident aged 18 and

Line04: older a guaranteed, unconditional monthly payment of \$1,000.

Line05: No matter factors like employment status, income level or

Line06: wealth, each eligible citizen will receive this distributed

Line07: electronically through direct deposit or a government-issued

Line08: debit card. This income shall not replace existing Social

Line09: Security retirement benefits, disability benefits, or

Line10: veterans' benefits. Also, the Federal Minimum Wage shall

Line11: also be raised from \$7.25 per hour to \$10.00 per hour.

Line12:

Line13: Article II: Universal Basic Income (UBI) is defined as

Line14: a guaranteed, recurring cash payment provided by the

Line15: federal government to eligible individuals without work

Line16: requirements or conditions. Eligible adult citizen is

Line17: defined as any United States citizen aged 18

Line18: years or older who has resided within the

Line19: United States for at least one year prior to

Line20: receiving benefits.

Line21:

Line22: Article III: This bill shall be implemented on January

Line23: 1st, 2027.

Line24:

Line25: Article IV: The Department of Treasury shall

Line26: administer payment distribution. The Internal

Line27: Revenue Service (IRS) shall verify eligibility

Line28: and prevent fraud or duplicate payments

Line29:

Line30: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new law

Line31: are hereby deemed null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Vibhav Seth

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

on Mon Feb 16 2026 10:50:12 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 1564**

### *A Bill To Provide Free School Meals to All Virginian Students*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01:

Line02: Article I: The Virginia State Government shall provide

Line03: free meals to all students in the Commonwealth of

Line04: Virginia.

Line05:

Line06: Article II: Free meals is defined as breakfast and

Line07: lunch provided at no cost to students. Students are

Line08: defined as all K-12 students attending a public school

Line09: in Virginia. These free meals may not be provided to

Line10: students attending a private school. Families may

Line11: choose to opt out of this program.

Line12:

Line13: Article III: This bill shall be implemented on October

Line14: 1st 2026

Line15:

Line16: Article IV: The Virginia Department of Education,

Line17: Office of School and Community Programs(VDOE-SCNP)

Line18: shall oversee the implementation of this legislation,

Line19: allocating 360 million US dollars.

Line20:

Line21: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new

Line22: law are hereby deemed null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Nihar Patibandla

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

on Mon Feb 16 2026 10:51:42 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Virginia Bill 8155**

### *A Bill to Expand Universal Free School Meals in Virginia Public Schools to Reduce Student Food Insecurity*

Be it enacted,

Line 00: Article I: The Commonwealth of Virginia shall require all public elementary and  
Line 01: secondary schools to provide free breakfast and lunch to every enrolled student,  
Line 02: regardless of household income, beginning in the 2026–2027 academic year.

Line 03:

Line 04: Article II: A. “Public schools” refers to all institutions under the authority of the  
Line 05: Virginia Department of Education, including traditional public schools  
Line 06: and public charter schools.

Line 07:

Line 08: B. “Free breakfast and lunch” refers to meals that meet or exceed  
Line 09: the nutritional standards established under the National School Lunch Program  
Line 10: and the School Breakfast Program administered by the  
Line 11: United States Department of Agriculture.

Line 12:

Line 13: C. “Universal” means available to all enrolled students without  
Line 14: application, income verification, or eligibility determination.

Line 15:

Line 16: Article III: A. The Virginia Department of Education shall oversee implementation  
Line 17: and compliance with this legislation.

Line 18:

Line 19: B. Funding shall be allocated by the Virginia General Assembly through the state  
Line 20: budget. The Commonwealth shall supplement federal reimbursements  
Line 21: to ensure that all participating schools can provide meals at no cost to students.

Line 22:

Line 23: C. School divisions shall submit annual compliance and expenditure reports to the  
Line 24: Virginia Department of Education. Failure to comply may result  
Line 25: in withholding of a portion of state education funding until compliance is achieved.

Line 26:

Line 27: Article IIII: All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Afnan Zara

West Springfield High School

on Fri Feb 20 2026 14:29:02 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: Economic Bill 1145**

### *A Bill to Establish a National Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program*

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States will establish a national Paid Family and Medical  
Line 02: Leave Insurance Program to provide eligible employees with up to 12 weeks of paid  
Line 03: leave per benefit year for qualifying family and medical reasons, with partial wage  
Line 04: replacement funded through a federal payroll contribution.

Line 05: SECTION 2. "Eligible employee" refers to any individual employed in the United  
Line 06: States who has earned wages in at least two fiscal quarters of the preceding year.  
Line 07: "Qualifying family and medical reasons" refers to the birth, adoption, or foster  
Line 08: placement of a child; a serious health condition of the employee; the need to care  
Line 09: for a spouse, child, or parent with a serious health condition; or circumstances  
Line 10: arising from a family member's active duty military service.

Line 11: SECTION 3. The United States Department of Labor shall oversee enforcement of  
Line 12: this legislation. Employers who retaliate against employees for utilizing benefits  
Line 13: under this Act shall be subject to civil penalties of \$5,000 per violation  
Line 14: and liability for lost wages and reinstatement. The Department of the Treasury shall  
Line 15: collect payroll contributions and deposit funds into a designated Paid Leave  
Line 16: Trust Fund.

Line 17: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1, 2027.

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

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Gisselle Tedla

West Springfield High School

on Fri Feb 20 2026 15:47:18 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket A: International Bill I1111**

### *A Bill To Allocate Federal Funding to Support Haiti*

Be it enacted,

Line01: Article I: The United States federal government shall allocate

Line02: one point two billion dollars over a period of

Line03: five fiscal years to provide humanitarian

Line04: relief, economic stabilization, and governance

Line05: support to the Republic of Haiti.

Line06:

Line07: Article II: A. "Humanitarian relief" refers to emergency

Line08: assistance including food aid, medical care,

Line09: clean water access, shelter, and disaster response support.

Line10:

Line11: B. "Economic stabilization" refers to financial

Line12: and technical assistance aimed at

Line13: strengthening public institutions, supporting

Line14: small businesses, and rebuilding essential infrastructure.

Line15:

Line16: C. "Governance support" refers to programs

Line17: promoting rule of law, anti-corruption efforts,

Line18: and support for free and fair elections.

Line19:

Line20: Article III: A. This legislation shall be overseen and

Line21: enforced by the United States Department

Line22: of State in coordination with the United

Line23: States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Line24:

Line25: B. The money allocated shall be spent on

Line26: various means including, but not limited to,

Line27: food security, healthcare access, shelter,

Line28: infrastructure, and government stability.

Line29:

Line30: Article IV: All laws and policies in conflict with this

Line31: legislation is hereby declared null and void.

Line32:

Title: Representative

Submitted By: Abedin

School: West Springfield High School

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Minhaz Abedin

West Springfield Highschool

on Fri Feb 20 2026 17:27:33 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket B: International Bill 1566**

### *A Bill To Federally Assist Serbia*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01:

Line02: Article I: The United States Federal Government shall

Line03: provide economic and humanitarian assistance to the

Line04: Republic of Serbia to promote regional stability,

Line05: democratic governance, and preventing Russian influence.

Line06:

Line07: Article II: Assistance shall include economic aid,

Line07: infrastructure development funding, educational

Line08: exchange programs, and security cooperation initiatives.

Line09: Funds shall prioritize anti-corruption measures,

Line10: judicial reform, and programs that strengthen democratic

Line11: institutions and human rights protections within Serbia.

Line12:

Line13: Article III: The United States Agency for International

Line14: Development (USAID), in coordination with the Department

Line15: of State, shall oversee implementation and ensure funds

Line16: are used in accordance with established accountability

Line17: standards.

Line18:

Line19: Article IV: Congress shall allocate 225 million U.S.

Line20: dollars annually for a period of five years to

Line21: support this initiative.

Line22:

Line23: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with this

Line24: legislation are hereby deemed null and void

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Representative Diana Soltani

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

on Mon Feb 16 2026 10:53:17 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

## **Docket B: Economic Bill 1567**

### *A Bill to Establish National Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance*

Be it enacted,

Line00: Be it enacted

Line01:

Line02: Section I: The United States Department of Labor shall,  
Line03: in coordination with the Social Security Administration,  
Line04: establish a National Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance  
Line05: Program for all eligible individuals.

Line06: For the purposes of this Act, an "eligible individual"  
Line07: shall include: 1. any employee as defined under  
Line08: Section 3(e) of the Fair Labor Standards Act and 2. Any  
Line09: self-employed individual who reports self-employment  
Line10: income as defined in Section 1402(b) of the Internal  
Line11: Revenue Code of 1986, provided said individual elects  
Line12: to contribute to the Insurance Fund established in  
Line13: Section 2 for a minimum of four consecutive  
Line14: quarters. To receive benefits, an eligible individual  
Line15: must have earned a minimum of \$5,000 in wages or  
Line16: self-employment income during the 12-month period  
Line17: immediately preceding the start of the leave. Eligible  
Line18: individuals shall be entitled to 12 weeks of paid leave  
Line19: per 12-month period for a qualifying family or medical  
Line20: reason, including the birth or adoption of a child, the  
Line21: serious health condition of the individual, or the care  
Line22: of a family member with a serious health condition.

Line23: Section II: This program shall be funded by a 0.8%  
Line24: payroll tax on eligible wages. This tax shall be  
Line25: divided equally, with 0.4% paid by the employer and  
Line26: 0.4% paid by the employee. Self-employed individuals  
Line27: electing coverage shall be responsible for the full  
Line28: 0.8% contribution. Employers with fewer than 15 total  
Line29: employees are exempt from the contribution; however,  
Line30: their employees remain eligible for all benefits  
Line31: provided they contribute their individual portion.

Line32: Section III: Any state maintaining a paid family and  
Line33: medical leave program that provides benefits  
Line34: >= those outlined in Section 1 may apply for a federal  
Line35: waiver and shall receive a credit of  
Line36: federal payroll taxes. Section IV: The Department of  
Line37: Labor shall begin collection of the payroll tax on  
Line38: January 1, 2027. The distribution of benefits

Line39: shall begin on January 1, 2028. Any employer who denies  
Line40: eligible leave or retaliates against an individual for  
Line41: exercising rights under this Act shall be subject to  
Line42: civil penalties not to exceed \$10,000 per violation.  
Line43: Section V: All laws and policies in conflict with new law  
Line44: are hereby deemed null and void.

*Respectfully Submitted By:*

Senator Ishya Anbuselvan

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

on Mon Feb 16 2026 10:55:31 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)