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Docket A: Domestic Bill 2010

A Bill to Prohibit the Distribution of Private School Vouchers by the United States Federal Government

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE I, The United States Government shall prohibit the distribution of private
Line 02: school vouchers by the United States Federal Government.

Line 03:

Line 04: ARTICLE II, Private school vouchers shall be defined as government-funded

Line 05: certificates or scholarships that allow parents to use public education funds to pay

Line 06: for tuition at private schools, including religious institutions.

Line 07:

Line 08: ARTICLE III, The Department of Education shall oversee the complete enactment of

Line 09: this bill.

Line 10:

Line 11: ARTICLE IV, This bill shall be completely enacted by August 1st, 2026 to align with

Line 12: the beginning of the school year

Line 13:

Line 14: ARTICLE V, All laws and policies in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and

Line 15: void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Taylor J. Gruse

Cave Spring High School

on Fri Feb 06 2026 08:45:28 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 1010

A Bill to Establish a Free School Lunch Program for all Low-Income School Districts

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE I, The Virginia Government shall make all school lunches free for low-

Line 02: income schools.

Line 03:

Line 04: ARTICLE II, Low-income schools shall be defined as educational institutions that

Line 05: have a high number of students who come from low-income families. The school or

Line 06: educational service agency must be in a school district that qualifies for funds

Line 07: under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Line 08: More than 30% of the school's or educational service agency's total enrollment

Line 09: must be made up of children who qualify for services provided under Title I of the

Line 10: ESEA.

Line 11:

Line 12: ARTICLE III, This legislation shall be overseen by the Virginia Department of

Line 13: Agriculture.

Line 14:

Line 15: ARTICLE IV, This legislation shall be completely enacted by August 1st, 2027.

Line 16:

Line 17: Article V, All laws and policies in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and

Line 18: void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Tinley B. Gruse

Cave Spring High School

on Fri Feb 06 2026 16:01:02 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 1234

A Bill to Establish a Paid Maternity Leave

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE I, The United States Government shall establish a paid maternity leave

Line 02: system.

Line 03:

Line 04: ARTICLE II, Maternity leave shall be defined as a period of time off work for mothers

Line 05 surrounding childbirth or adoption, aimed at allowing for recovery and bonding with

Line 06: the newborn.

Line 07:

Line 08: ARTICLE III, This legislation shall be overseen by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Line 09:

Line 10: ARTICLE IV, This legislation shall be completely enacted by January 1st, 2030.

Line 11:

Line 12: ARTICLE V, All laws and polices in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and

Line 13: void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Tanya Wander

Cave Spring High School

on Fri Feb 06 2026 16:05:44 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 7912

A Bill to End Subminimum Wages for Tipped Workers in Virginia

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE I, A Bill to End Subminimum Wages for Tipped Workers in Virginia

Line 02:

Line 03: ARTICLE II, Tipped workers shall be defined as any worker who customarily may

Line 04: receive tips. Employers may not count tips toward minimum age requirements

Line 05:

Line 06: ARTICLE III, The Virginia General Assembly will oversee the enactment of this bill

Line 07:

Line 08: ARTICLE IV, This bill shall be enacted by the 1st of January, 2028

Line 09:

Line 10: Article V, All laws and policies in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and

Line 11: void

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Stella Kidder

Cave Spring High School

on Tue Feb 17 2026 10:09:02 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 2816

A Bill to Establish a U.S. Led Multinational Security Intervention in Haiti

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE I, Be it enacted that the United States shall lead a multinational security
Line 02: intervention in Haiti to restore governmental stability, dismantle organized gangs, and
Line 03: secure humanitarian aid distribution.

Line 04:

Line 05: ARTICLE II, The United States shall authorize deployment of a limited multinational
Line 06: security force, led by the United States and partnered with willing NATO allies and
Line 07: Caribbean nations, to assist the Haitian National Police in restoring control of critical
Line 08: infrastructure, including ports, airports, hospitals, major roadways, and government
Line 09: facilities.

Line 10:

Line 11: ARTICLE III, The intervention shall include the following actions: The Department of
Line 12: Defense shall deploy up to 8,000 U.S. personnel in a non-permanent stabilization
Line 13: mission not exceeding four years, The Department of State shall oversee the creation of
Line 14: a transitional governance advisory council to support democratic elections, The
Line 15: The United States Agency for International Development shall administer
Line 16: emergency humanitarian corridors protected by multinational forces, The Department of
Line 17: Treasury shall impose sanctions on Haitian political and business elites found to
Line 18: financially support armed gangs, Funding for this bill shall include \$4 billion allocated
Line 19: four years from the Overseas Contingency Operations budget.

Line 20:

Line 21: ARTICLE IV, U.S. forces shall withdraw once democratic elections are completed and
Line 22: and gang territorial control is reduced below 10% of the capital.

Line 23:

Line 24: ARTICLE V, This bill shall go into effect 90 days after passage.

Line 25:

Line 26: ARTICLE VI, All laws and policies in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null
Line 27: and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Emily Kellam

Cave Spring High School

on Tue Feb 17 2026 17:12:21 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 1313

A Bill to Support Serbian Civil Freedoms

Be it enacted,

Line 1: Section I, The United States shall require Serbia to support
Line 2: protesters conducting peaceful protests and to intensify
Line 3: the effort to eradicate corruption in order to maintain the
Line 4: aid that the United States is already providing. In the
Line 5: event that Serbia fails to meet these requirements,
Line 6: financial assistance will be withdrawn until the conditions
Line 7: are met.

Line 8:

Line 9: Section II, The United States has provided over 1 billion US
Line 10: dollars to help Serbia join the European Union since 1998 by
Line 11: supporting national improvement programs. The Serbian
Line 12: government has been threatening violent retaliation against
Line 13: protesters speaking out against government corruption.

Line 14:

Line 15: Section III, This bill will go into effect 6 months after
Line 16: its passage to allow Serbia to meet the stipulated
Line 17: requirements.

Line 18:

Line 19: Section IV: The enactment of this bill will be carried out
Line 20: by the States Department.

Line 21:

Line 22: Section V: All laws and policies in conflict with this bill
Line 23: are hereby made null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Annabelle Finney

Patrick Henry High School

on Tue Feb 24 2026 14:32:53 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 9264

Bill to Invest \$10 Million in Reducing the Population of Lanternflies

Be it enacted,

Line 01: ARTICLE I, The United States government shall invest \$10 Million in reducing the

Line 02: population of lanternflies.

Line 03:

Line 04: ARTICLE II, The spotted lanternfly, or *Lycorma delicatula* is an invasive species

Line 05: highly destructive to agriculture and nature in the Eastern United States.

Line 06:

Line 07: ARTICLE III, The federal Department of the Interior will oversee the enactment of

Line 08: this bill.

Line 09:

Line 10: ARTICLE IV, This bill shall be completely enacted by January 1st, 2027.

Line 11:

Line 12: ARTICLE V, All laws and policies in conflict with this bill are hereby declared null and

Line 13: void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Madison Renick

Cave Spring High School

on Tue Feb 24 2026 16:15:44 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: Economic Bill 3741

A Bill to Establish a Federal Minimum Standard for Paid Leave to Ensure Worker Equity While Preserving Employer Flexibility

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States Government shall set a minimum paid leave policy
Line 02: where employees accrue one hour of paid leave for every forty (40) hours worked.

Line 03: Paid leave hours will be capped at fifty-two (52) hours per year. Nothing in
Line 04: this Act shall prohibit employers from compensating employees for unused
Line 04: accrued paid leave at the employer's discretion.

Line 05:

Line 06: SECTION 2. The following terms shall be defined:

Line 07: A.) Paid leave shall mean compensated time away from work given by an
Line 08: employer at the employee's regular pay rate.

Line 09:

Line 10: B.) Accrue will be defined as the process by which employees earn paid
Line 11: leave based on the number of hours worked.

Line 12:

Line 13: C.) Unused accrued paid leave means leave earned but not used by an
Line 14: employee, for which the employer may, if desired, provide compensation.

Line 15:

Line 16: SECTION 3. The United States Department of Labor shall oversee compliance
Line 17: with this Act. The Department shall investigate complaints filed by employees
Line 18: regarding noncompliance with the minimum paid leave policy. Employers found in
Line 19: violation of this Act shall be required to provide any unpaid accrued leave to
Line 20: affected employees and may be subject to civil penalties as determined by the
Line 21: Department.

Line 22:

Line 23: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect in FY 2027. All laws in conflict with
Line 24: this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Kinsley Milko

Lord Botetourt High School

on Wed Feb 25 2026 15:51:41 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: Virginia Bill 5078

A Bill to Amend the Minimum Wage for Tipped Employees from \$2.13 to \$3.63 in Order to Promote Competitive Wages and Protect Worker Livelihoods

Be it enacted,

Line 01 This new policy will increase Virginia’s minimum wage for jobs relying on tipping
Line 02 from \$2.13 to \$3.63. This increase will follow the current regulations of the Fair
Line 03 Labor Standards Act, requiring that an employee’s hourly wages plus tips must
Line 04 meet the Virginia minimum wage rate of \$12.77 per hour. If they do not, an employer
Line 05 must pay the difference to an employee so that they earn at least \$12.77 per hour.

Line 06

Line 07

Line 08 SECTION 2. Under Va. Code § 40.1-28.9, a “tipped employee” is defined as an
Line 09 employee who customarily and regularly receives more than \$30 per month in tips.

Line 10 Qualifying occupations typically include:

Line 11 Restaurant servers and bartenders

Line 12 Hotel service workers

Line 13 Parking attendants and valets

Line 14 Delivery drivers who receive tips

Line 15 Hair stylists and barbers

Line 16 Other service employees who receive gratuities

Line 17 An employer may not classify an individual as a tipped employee if the individual is

Line 18 prohibited by applicable federal or state law or regulation from soliciting tips.

Line 19

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Line 21 SECTION 3. The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry will oversee employers to
Line 22 ensure compliance. Violations of this law will result in employer fines and

Line 23 probationary monitoring for a period of at least 12 months.

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Line 26 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect in the FY 2028. All laws in conflict

Line 27 with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Toby Zhu

Lord Botetourt High School

on Wed Feb 25 2026 16:07:07 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 8945

Virginia Bill 8945. A Bill To Ban Ultra-Processed Foods In School Meals To Preserve Student Health.

Be it enacted,

01: SECTION 1. The Virginia State Government shall ban ultra-processed foods and
02: ingredients in school meals.

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04: SECTION 2. The addition of non-food industrial ingredients, like stabilizers, gums,
05: chemical preservatives, flavorings and more moves foods into Group 4, the
06: ultraprocessed foods. These foods may contain no Group 1 foods at all, and are often
07: formulated entirely from other processed and isolated ingredients like modified
08: food starches or proteins. Many of the processing steps used in Group 4 foods aren't
09: commonly used at home, like prefrying, extrusion and hydrogenation.

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11: SECTION 3. The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services along with
12: the Department of Education, will monitor school procurement and preparation of
13: meals. Any school not following this law will be fined and closely monitored for six
14: months.

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16: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect in FY 2027. All laws in conflict with this
17: legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Caitlyn Moser

Lord Botetourt High School

on Wed Feb 25 2026 16:11:10 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 1256

A bill to reduce the poverty of low-income individuals in an efficient way

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The purpose of this bill is to support and
Line 02: provide financial help to low-income individuals without
Line 03: implementing a universal basic income, thereby addressing
Line 04: the issue using a more efficient and reliable approach.
Line 05: Expanding and reinforcing an EITC program that people who
Line 06: earn below-average income could apply for is a superior
Line 07: resolution.

Line 08:

Line 09: SECTION 2. A universal basic income (UBI) is a system where
Line 10: the government provides a certain amount of money to every
Line 11: adult regularly, without considering their employment
Line 12: status.

Line 13:

Line 14: SECTION 3. This legislation must be enacted through the
Line 15: Internal Revenue Service and United States Department of the
Line 16: treasury

Line 17:

Line 18: SECTION 4. Upon passage, this legislation shall take effect
Line 19: immediately, and all laws in opposition to it shall be null
Line 20: and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Haven Street

Patrick Henry High School

on Thu Feb 26 2026 17:09:01 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 3226

A Bill to Reduce the Use of Insecticides and Chemicals in Agriculture

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and

Line 02: Rodenticide Act should be revised to restrict the sale

Line 03: of certain insecticides, specifically neonicotinoids, used in

Line 04: agriculture to help increase insect populations.

Line 05:

Line 06: SECTION 2. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and

Line 07: Rodenticide Act is a statute that mandates federal control

Line 08: over the sale, distribution, and use of pesticides to protect

Line 09: human health and the environment.

Line 10:

Line 11: SECTION 3. The enactment of this bill will be carried out

Line 12: by the Environmental Protection Agency to limit the sale of

Line 13: certain pesticides.

Line 14:

Line 15: SECTION 4: Upon passage, this legislation shall take effect

Line 16: no later than January 1st, 2027, in order to give farmers time

Line 17: to adapt to the new chemical limitations.

Line 18:

Line 19: SECTION 5: All laws and policies in conflict with this bill

Line 20: are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Senator Summer Brooks

Patrick Henry High School

on Thu Feb 26 2026 17:34:08 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Virginia Bill 0402

A Bill to Provide Free School Lunch to All Students Attending K-12 Public Schools in the United States of America

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The Commonwealth of Virginia will establish a
Line 02: statewide program to provide free, nutritious meal to all
Line 03: students enrolled in public K-12 schools.

Line 04:

Line 05: SECTION 2. A nutritious meal consists of fruits and
Line 06: vegetables, whole grains, proteins, healthy plant oils, and
Line 07: healthy drinks like water. California free meal plan supports
Line 08: around 6 million students which costs them nearly 2 billion
Line 09: dollars annually. This means that it would cost around 400
Line 10: million dollars annually to cover the 1.2 million public
Line 11: school students in Virginia.

Line 12:

Line 13: SECTION 3. This bill would be enacted by the Department of
Line 14: Education, which currently oversees the Virginia School
Line 15: Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Line 16:

Line 17: SECTION 4. Upon passage, this legislation shall take effect
Line 18: in August, 2026 for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

Line 19:

Line 20: SECTION 5. All laws in opposition to it shall be considered
Line 21: null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Randa Lopez

Patrick Henry High School

on Thu Feb 26 2026 17:34:16 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket B: International Bill 1228

A Bill to Enforce and Stabilize the Kosovo-Serbian Border Using US Armed Forces

Be it enacted,

1 SECTION 1. The United States shall lend military aid to the sovereign nation of Kosovo for a decade-long term. The purpose of the armament is to protect the sovereign nation of Kosovo from the neighboring nation of Serbia

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3 SECTION 2. MILITARY AID ~All military operations conducted under this Act shall be directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in coordination with the United States Department of Defense.

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5 SECTION 3. The US Dept of Defense shall equally disperse troops in the Kosovan provinces of Pristina, Gjilane, and Mitrovica.

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7 SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect on January 1st, 2028. All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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Introduced for Congressional Debate by Carter J. Cecil,
Lord Botetourt High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Carter Cecil

Lord Botetourt High School

on Fri Feb 27 2026 17:27:32 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 1317

Domestic Bill: 1317: A Bill for the United States to Allow Kids with Disabilities more Access to Private School Vouchers

Be it enacted,

To be enacted.

Line 01: Article 1: Allow more kids with disabilities to have more of a chance at private schools

Line 02: If they cannot afford it

Line 03: Implement specialized ESAs more

Line 04: Ensure Private schools accept children with special educational needs

Line 05: Solidify IDEA with schools, parents, teachers to make students feel more accepted

Line 06

Line 07: Article II: Make sure Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is followed continuously and correctly

Line 08: Schools follow ADA and prohibits the schools from many discrimination

Line 09: Schools are not allowed to deny admission based on a child's physical or mental disability

Line 10

Line 11: Article III: The U.S. Department of Education, State Legislatures, and Private School Leaders with enforce this bill is properly

Line 12: validated and protected

Line 13

Line 14: Article IV: This bill could take effect immediately upon the state legislator's approval

Line 15: or at the start of the next school year

Line 16: August of 2026

Line 17

Line 18: Article V: All laws and policies in conflict with new laws are hereby deemed null

Line 19: and void.

Respectfully submitted by: Adriana Donodeo
Hidden Valley High School

Respectfully Submitted By:
Representative Adriana Donodeo
Hidden Valley High School
on Fri Feb 27 2026 18:30:24 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: International Bill 1119

A Bill to Strengthen Haitian Infrastructure and Long-Term Stability

Be it enacted,

Legislation: Bill

Bill Area: International

Number: 1119

Title: A Bill to Strengthen Haitian Infrastructure and Long-Term Stability

Line 00: Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. A reinforcement and build up of Haiti's infrastructure through extended

Line 02: development partnerships shall be established to promote economic stability and reduce
disaster Line 03: response costs in the country with funds towards road, ports, and agriculture that

comply with Line 04: international law as well as uphold bilateral agreements between Haiti and the U.S.

Line 05:

Line 06: SECTION 2. Extended development partnerships shall be defined as performance-based

Line 07: agreements of funding lasting no less than 3 fiscal years in supporting infrastructure

Line 08: developments of such things that include transportation, ports, and agriculture.

Line 09:

Line 10: SECTION 3. The funding shall be allocated by Congress through the foreign

Line 11: assistance budget, structured as multi-annual commitments to ensure stability and economic

Line 12: growth with annual reports. The program will be overseen by the United States Agency for

Line 13: International Development regarding grant distribution, coordinating, and monitoring.

Line 14:

Line 15: SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on September 1st, 2026.

Line 16:

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

Submitted_By: Representative Withers

School: Abingdon High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Lucy Withers

Abingdon High School

on Fri Feb 27 2026 21:43:15 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Economic Bill 2212

A Bill to Remove Universal Basic Income and Implement Universal Basic Services

Be it enacted,

Legislation: Bill

Bill Area: Economic

Number: 2212

Leg_Title: A Bill to Remove Universal Basic Income and Implement Universal Basic Services

Line 00: Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The governments of able countries worldwide will implement a bill to remove the Universal

Line 02: Basic Income system and instead put in place a Universal Services system that provides necessities

available to all citizens of the respective countries, with funding being redistributed from the current system.

Line 03:

Line 04: SECTION 2. A Universal Services System shall be defined as a principle that a minimum set of services

Line 05: should be available to everyone, preventing digital or service divides. Necessities shall be defined as access

Line 06: to low-income housing, reduced healthcare costs, discounted telecommunications, etc.

Redistributed Line

07: funding shall be defined as the taxes that are currently being taken and circulated in the Basic Income System.

Line 08:

Line 09: SECTION 3. The Offices of the Department of Human Services, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Social

Line 10: Development, and Ministry of Labor will be authorized to meet and determine the extent to which they

Line 11: will be providing these services, within a basic minimum that shall be specified. They shall also be

Line 12: authorized to eliminate the system of Basic Income, which currently provides unconditional cash payments,

Line 13: in a process over the needed time period

Line 14:

Line 15: SECTION 4. This bill shall take effect on January 1st, 2027

Line 16:

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

Submitted_By: Representative McPherson

School: Abingdon High School

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Emma McPherson

Abingdon High School

on Fri Feb 27 2026 21:45:42 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

Docket A: Domestic Bill 2109

A Bill to Redirect Funds Intended for Private School Vouchers to Improve the Funding and Quality of the United States of America's Public School Systems.

SUBMITTED AFTER DEADLINE

Be it enacted,

Be it enacted,

Line 01: SECTION 1. The United States of America will reallocate funds

Line 02: previously intended for Private School Vouchers for the betterment

Line 03: of the public education system of America.

Line 04:

Line 05: SECTION 2. Private School Vouchers are, as defined by the Education

Line 06: Law Center, are vouchers that redirect public money to private

Line 07: educational uses. They are referred to as several different names

Line 08: including conventional private school vouchers, tax credit vouchers,

Line 09: or education savings account vouchers.

Line 10:

Line 11: SECTION 3. This legislation will be carried out by the United States

Line 12: Department of Education, once this bill is passed. It will ensure

Line 13: that the overall quality of American education drastically increases

Line 14:

Line 15: SECTION 4. This legislation will take effect July 1, 2026, in time for

Line 16: the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

Line 17:

Line 18: SECTION 5. Once enacted, all laws in opposition shall be considered

Line 19: null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Sofia Belcher

Patrick Henry High School

on Sat Feb 28 2026 00:01:27 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)

SUBMITTED AFTER DEADLINE

Docket B: Domestic Bill 2710

A Bill to remove toxic Neonicotinoids

Be it resolved,

- 1.All use of Neonicotinoid pesticides are banned for use for all agricultural farmers on
- 2.pollinator plants.
- 3.Neonicotinoidiss are insecticides that harm and kill insects such as bees. This toxic
- 4.The chemical not to be used on any pollinator plant in the US.
- 5.The USDA and EPA will enforce the nationwide bane of Neonicotinoid use on all
- 6.pollinator plants.
- 7.This legislation will take effect on July 1, 2028. All laws in conflict with this legislation are
- 8.hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Representative Anna Radtke

Lord Botetourt

on Fri Feb 27 2026 22:17:26 GMT-0500 (Eastern Standard Time)