

Congress Docket for FGCCFL 1

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2024-2025 Congress Changes

Revision 24.08 of the *FGCCFL Student Congress Manual* contains the following key changes from previous seasons' manuals:

1. There will be **three sessions, each two hours long**. PO service counts as the first two speeches of the session and is scored on two ballots. All POs will receive gavels.
2. All questioning periods will use "**direct questioning**," in which a questioner is recognized for 30 seconds and may ask multiple questions during that questioning period. **You should review § 9 of the *FGCCFL Student Congress Manual*, especially if you plan to preside.**
3. The PO may use her **phone as a timer** if it is silenced and in airplane mode.
4. New **standards for evidence**, citations, plagiarism, and the use of generative AI.

* Yes, there are two items on the same topic. No, you do *not* have to debate them both—just the one whose sponsor is in your chamber.

A Bill to Create Universal Pre-K to Ensure Equity in Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** School districts receiving federal funding shall be required to create permanent pre-
3 kindergarten programs that are accessible to all families within their district.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Pre-kindergarten programs” are defined as educational programs for children aged 3-
5 5, operating during all normal school hours on normal school days.

6 B. Public schools and childcare centers with existing programs may be subsidized for
7 school years after this bill’s implementation.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
9 bill.

10 B. The Department shall allocate funds for the creation of pre-kindergarten programs,
11 including but not limited to the construction on new buildings and the hiring of teachers.

12 C. Any district not in compliance with this legislation shall be ineligible for federal
13 funding from the Department of Education.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on July 1, 2025.

15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Audrey Hwang
Pine View School*

A Bill to Ban the Use of PFAS in Firefighting Foams

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The use of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in firefighting foams shall be banned, with
3 all firefighting stations transitioning to PFAS-free alternatives.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “polyfluoroalkyl substances” refers to a group of synthetic chemicals
5 used for their oil repellent properties and containing chains of linked carbon and fluorine
6 atoms.

7 B. As used herein, “PFAS-free alternatives” are defined as firefighting foams and
8 methods that do not contain PFAS and are proven to be effective in putting out fires.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Environmental Protection Agency shall be responsible for enforcing the
10 provisions of this bill.

11 B. Penalties for noncompliance shall include fines not exceeding \$25,000 per use of
12 PFAS and a 10% reduction of federal funding to noncompliant fire departments.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Swara Patel
Carrollwood Day School*

A Bill to Expedite the Completion of the Sentinel Missile Program

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall allocate an additional \$70 billion in immediate funding to the
3 Sentinel Program to ensure the program’s full implementation by 2030.

4 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, the “Sentinel Program” is a development program by Northrop Grumman
5 for the LGM-35 Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile, which will replace the existing
6 LGM-30 Minuteman missiles,

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Defense shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
8 bill.

9 B. The Department, in consultation with Northrop Grumman, shall establish a reasonable
10 timetable for the program, with proportionate funds to be released as each step in the
11 timetable is met.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tyler Emery
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Reinstate the Fairness Doctrine

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Television, radio, and media stations shall be required to represent different viewpoints
3 on controversial issues of public importance in a fair and balanced manner.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “public importance” refers to issues which have a significant impact
5 on the American society, such as elections, major social issues, or important policy
6 changes.

7 B. As used herein, “fair and balanced” means offering equal opportunity for different
8 viewpoints on an issue, without bias.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) shall be responsible for enforcing
10 the provisions of this bill.

11 B. If a station or media outlet does not abide by the rules, the FCC may impose fines of
12 up to \$500,000.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect 90 days after passage.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maya Moore
Robinson High School*

A Bill to Mandate Universal Background Checks for All Firearm Purchases

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All firearms sales and transfers within the United States shall require a background check
3 conducted through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “firearm sales and transfers” shall include any exchange, sale, or
5 gifting of firearms, whether through licensed dealers, private sellers, gun shows, or any
6 other means.

7 B. Background checks shall include criminal and mental health history.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions
9 of this bill.

10 B. A budget of \$200 million shall be allocated annually for the administration,
11 enforcement, and expansion of the NICS system from the resulting increased background
12 checks.

13 C. Any seller found in violation of this law shall face fines of up to \$10,000 and potential
14 revocation of their federal firearms license. Second and subsequent offenses shall be
15 punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 and imprisonment for a minimum of 5 years.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Isabella Castro-Cardona
Southeast High School*

A Bill to Admit Washington, DC as the Fifty-First State

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Washington, DC will be admitted as a State on an equal footing with all other States in all
3 regards.

4 **SECTION 2.** The geographic extent of the State of Washington, DC shall consist of all commercial and
5 residential areas in the existing District of Columbia. The portion of the District
6 consisting only of federal buildings shall remain a federal district under the authority of
7 the Congress.

8 **SECTION 3.** A. The Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate shall be
9 responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

10 B. The size of the House of Representatives shall be increased to 436 members, with the
11 Delegate from the District of Columbia given full membership as a Representative, until
12 the reapportionment following the Decennial Census of 2030.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on October 1, 2024.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carlos Bonilla
Admiral Farragut Academy*

A Bill to Enforce Restrictions on Generative AI

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Generative artificial intelligence (hereinafter “Generative AI”) providers shall watermark
3 all works produced or contributed to by Generative AI, and shall respect copyright
4 holders’ rights when training said Generative AI.

5 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, “Generative AI” is a form of artificial intelligence or machine learning
6 that can create new text, images, or video from an existing database.

7 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Justice and the Office of Science and Technology Policy shall be
8 responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

9 B. Violation of the provisions of this bill shall be punishable by fines not to exceed
10 \$10,000 per instance and destruction of all infringing or non-watermarked works,

11 C. Nothing in this bill shall affect any existing civil liability for copyright infringement.

12 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect immediately upon passage.

13 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Athans
Admiral Farragut Academy*

A Bill to Increase Funding for High School Athletic Programs

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The U.S. Department of Education shall provide funding for all high school athletic
3 programs.

4 **SECTION 2.** As used herein, “high school athletic programs” are any type of sport run by high
5 schools, including practices and tournaments.

6 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
7 bill.

8 B. The Department shall receive an appropriation of \$1.5 billion to be distributed
9 amongst high school sports programs around the U.S. on the basis of need.

10 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

11 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Arsam Zahedi
Robinson High School*

A Bill to Nationally Subsidize Postsecondary Education

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Free tuition for every academically eligible student shall be provided at all public
3 universities, colleges, and trade school programs.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Tuition shall be determined by educational cost-analyses performed by the state
5 Departments of Education, negotiating with all participating institutions to determine the
6 lowest possible pricing.

7 B. Public universities, colleges, and trade schools shall be understood to include any
8 accredited institution that is funded and operated by state or federal governments.

9 C. Academic eligibility shall be defined as an institution-specific exam created and
10 administered by the institution itself, examined and confirmed equitable by the state's
11 Department of Education.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this
13 bill.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Trotter

Sarasota Military Academy

A Bill to Ban Firearms

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** All firearm ownership shall be banned with the exception of current military and law
3 enforcement personnel. All non-firearm weapons shall be concurrently legalized.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. Firearms shall be defined as any weapon that can be used or converted to expel a
5 projectile using an explosive.

6 B. Current military and law enforcement personnel shall be defined as members of
7 federally recognized military or law enforcement groups in good standing.

8 C. All non-firearm weapons shall include any not found under the National Firearms Act.

9 **SECTION 3.** A. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms shall be responsible for enforcing the
10 provisions of this bill.

11 B. The fine for failure to report an unlawfully possessed gun shall be no less than \$200.
12 The penalty for unlawful possession of a gun shall be fine of no less than \$11,000 fine
13 and one year under probationary supervision.

14 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

15 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Benjamin Vieira
Sarasota Military Academy*

A Bill to Limit Large-Scale Investment in Rental Housing

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Asset management companies and institutional investors with assets exceeding \$ 500
3 billion shall be prohibited from purchasing single-family homes in the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. “Asset management companies” refers to firms that manage investment funds,
5 including but not limited to hedge funds, private equity firms, and mutual funds.

6 B. “Institutional investors” refers to organizations that invest on behalf of their members,
7 including pension funds, insurance companies, and endowments.

8 C. “Single-family homes” refers to residential properties intended to house one family or
9 household.

10 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) shall be responsible for
11 enforcing the provisions of this bill.

12 B. HUD will establish a monitoring system to track property purchases by large asset
13 management companies and institutional investors.

14 C. HUD will impose penalties on entities that violate this legislation, including fines and
15 the forced divestiture of improperly acquired properties.

16 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Noam Weitzman
Newsome High School*

A Bill to Ban the Death Penalty and Reroute Funding for Rehabilitation

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The death penalty shall be banned, suspending all capital punishment cases pending
3 retrial and reinvestigation. The funding saved from appeals costs shall fund a novel
4 correctional education program.

5 **SECTION 2.** The correctional education program, to be named “New Hope,” shall consist of the
6 following three areas of education access for inmates:

7 (a) Preparation for life outside of prison and societal/technological reintegration.

8 (b) Career and occupational development, pursuant to the workforce needs in the
9 prisoner’s area of post-release residence.

10 (c) Basic life skills, including financial literacy, mental health and wellbeing, relationship
11 counseling, and recidivism prevention.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Justice shall be responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

13 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

14 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Samuel Bonser
Sarasota Military Academy*

A Bill to Repeal TRICARE and Replace It with Universal Healthcare for Veterans

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** TRICARE shall be repealed and replaced with a universal healthcare guarantee for
3 veterans.

4 **SECTION 2.** A. As used herein, “TRICARE” refers to the existing health care program for the
5 uniformed services.

6 B. Eligible beneficiaries of the new programs shall include all current and past
7 servicepeople and their families.

8 C. As used herein, “universal healthcare” shall be defined as a partnership directly
9 between the federal government and all public hospitals to fund any treatment for any
10 veteran deemed medically necessary by a licensed physician.

11 **SECTION 3.** A. The Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs shall be
12 responsible for enforcing the provisions of this bill.

13 B. Congress shall allocate \$50 billion annually from the existing TRICARE budget to
14 implement and fund this bill.

15 **SECTION 4.** The provisions of this bill shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

16 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brinlee Vandendooren
Sarasota Military Academy*

A Resolution to Recognize the Oklahoma City Bombing with a National Day of Remembrance

- 1 **WHEREAS,** The bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995, was
2 one the most recognizable cases of terrorism committed on U.S. soil; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** At least 168 people were killed including 19 children; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** Little is done in remembrance of this act of terrorism nationwide, despite domestic
5 terrorism still being a grave issue; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Other terrorist attacks such as the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks of September
7 11, 2001, have been recognized and remembered with national moments of silence; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** Domestic terrorism still threatens U.S. citizens every day, and little is done to educate the
9 public or to recognize victims of domestic terrorism including the Oklahoma City
10 bombing; now, therefore, be it
- 11 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for April 19 to be recognized as a
12 national day of remembrance for the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing.

Respectfully submitted,

*Andrew Light
Sarasota High School*

A Resolution to Update Stormwater Drainage Systems in Flood Risk Areas

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Climate change has caused ocean surface temperatures to rise; and
2 **WHEREAS,** This increase in temperature has led to record rainfall during hurricane seasons and a rise
3 in sea levels; and
4 **WHEREAS,** Various parts of the United States are more vulnerable to flooding due to these
5 conditions; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Effective draining systems can help relieve the impacts of flooding; now, therefore, be it
7 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for stormwater drainage systems in flood
8 risk areas to be updated.

Respectfully submitted,

*Devin Escobedo
Sarasota High School*

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Establish a Presidential Age Limit**

1 **WHEREAS,** A modern problem facing our Nation is the advanced age of our presidential officials and
2 the potential for cognitive mental disorders such as dementia and amnesia; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Poor decision-making has been correlated to mental cognitive decline by distinguished
4 neurologists, and even a slight mistake in politics can result in a very tragic situation; and

5 **WHEREAS,** This problem results in a Nation that cannot be led effectively, a suffering of the
6 population, and a loss of the trust of our allies; and

7 **WHEREAS,** The mental decline that comes with old age does not represent our country in a powerful
8 way, and action must be taken immediately; now, therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
10 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
11 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
12 the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

13 ARTICLE --.

14 SECTION 1: No person shall be elected to the office of President who shall attain to
15 the age of eighty years during his or her term. But this Article shall not
16 prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting
17 as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative
18 from holding the office of President or acting as President during the
19 remainder of such term.

20 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
21 legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mariann Segura
Carrollwood Day School*

A Resolution to Require a Media Literacy Class in all Public High Schools

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Our society continuously moves toward a digital age; and
- 2 **WHEREAS,** Students and young people consume their news and information online; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** The comprehension of news and media is a required skill to succeed in society; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** The ability to identify reliable sources and satire is increasingly important; and
- 5 **WHEREAS,** The lack of media literacy in the young generation hinders their ability to be properly
- 6 informed; and
- 7 **WHEREAS,** By requiring a media literacy course in all high schools we can improve the
- 8 comprehension of and level at which the young generation consumes information in
- 9 mainstream media; now, therefore, be it
- 10 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for state education departments to create
- 11 and fund a mandated media literacy course

Respectfully submitted,

*Avery Wallace
Carrollwood Day School*

A Resolution to Implement Mandatory Paid Parental Leave

1 **WHEREAS,** The well-being of children and families is essential for a thriving society; and
2 **WHEREAS,** Many families cannot afford missing work due to their financial situation; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Research indicates that paid parental leave contributes to better health outcomes for both
4 parents and children, as well as improved family stability; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Many countries around the world have implemented successful paid parental leave
6 policies; and
7 **WHEREAS,** The United States currently lacks a federal mandate for paid parental leave, creating
8 disparities in family support based on employment status and employer policies; and be it
9 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled calls for federally mandated paid parental
10 leave, providing all employees with a minimum of 12 weeks of paid leave at 75% of their
11 regular salary.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sabrina Sanchez
Carrollwood Day School*

A Resolution to Improve the Quality of Public School Lunches

- 1 **WHEREAS,** Public school lunches are currently highly processed and unhealthy; and
2 **WHEREAS,** It is the responsibility of our society to ensure that students are eating healthy; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Unhealthy eating habits cause health problems; and
4 **WHEREAS,** Unhealthy eating habits as a student affect your eating habits for a lifetime; and
5 **WHEREAS,** Providing better quality food for students will improve their future health and diet; and
6 **WHEREAS,** Proper lunches show care and can improve student outcomes now, therefore, be it
7 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Congress here assembled urges intentional action to reform public
8 school cafeterias to provide fresh and healthy lunches.

Respectfully submitted,

*Zavier West
Gibbs High School*

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Enact Term Limits for Supreme Court Justices**

1 **WHEREAS,** Currently, Supreme Court Justices have no fixed term and serve until their death,
2 retirement, or conviction by the Senate; and

3 **WHEREAS,** Without term limits, justices could serve for decades preventing the introduction of new
4 ideas; and

5 **WHEREAS,** Lifetime appointments foster a Court more likely to be out of touch with the general
6 public, with detached sense of responsibility to the justice system; now, therefore, be it

7 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
8 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
9 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
10 the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

11 **ARTICLE --.**

12 SECTION 1: The President shall nominate, and with the consent of the Senate, appoint
13 one Justice of the Supreme Court. After a Justice has served 18 years, the
14 Justice shall be deemed retired.

15 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
16 legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Shaliana Bravo
Southeast High School*

**A Resolution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment
to Establish a Maximum Age for Presidential Candidates**

1 **WHEREAS,** Many problems and doubts have occurred with Presidents of old age; and
2 **WHEREAS,** This has impacted the way the government is run and which laws are carried out; and
3 **WHEREAS,** Many presidential candidates are senior citizens; now, therefore, be it
4 **RESOLVED,** By two-thirds of the Congress here assembled, that the following article is proposed as an
5 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and
6 purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of
7 the several states within seven years from the date of its submission by the Congress:

8 ARTICLE --.

9 SECTION 1: The age of any presidential candidate shall not be greater than 75 at the
10 time of inauguration.

11 SECTION 2: The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate
12 legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bhavya Talati
Strawberry Crest High School*