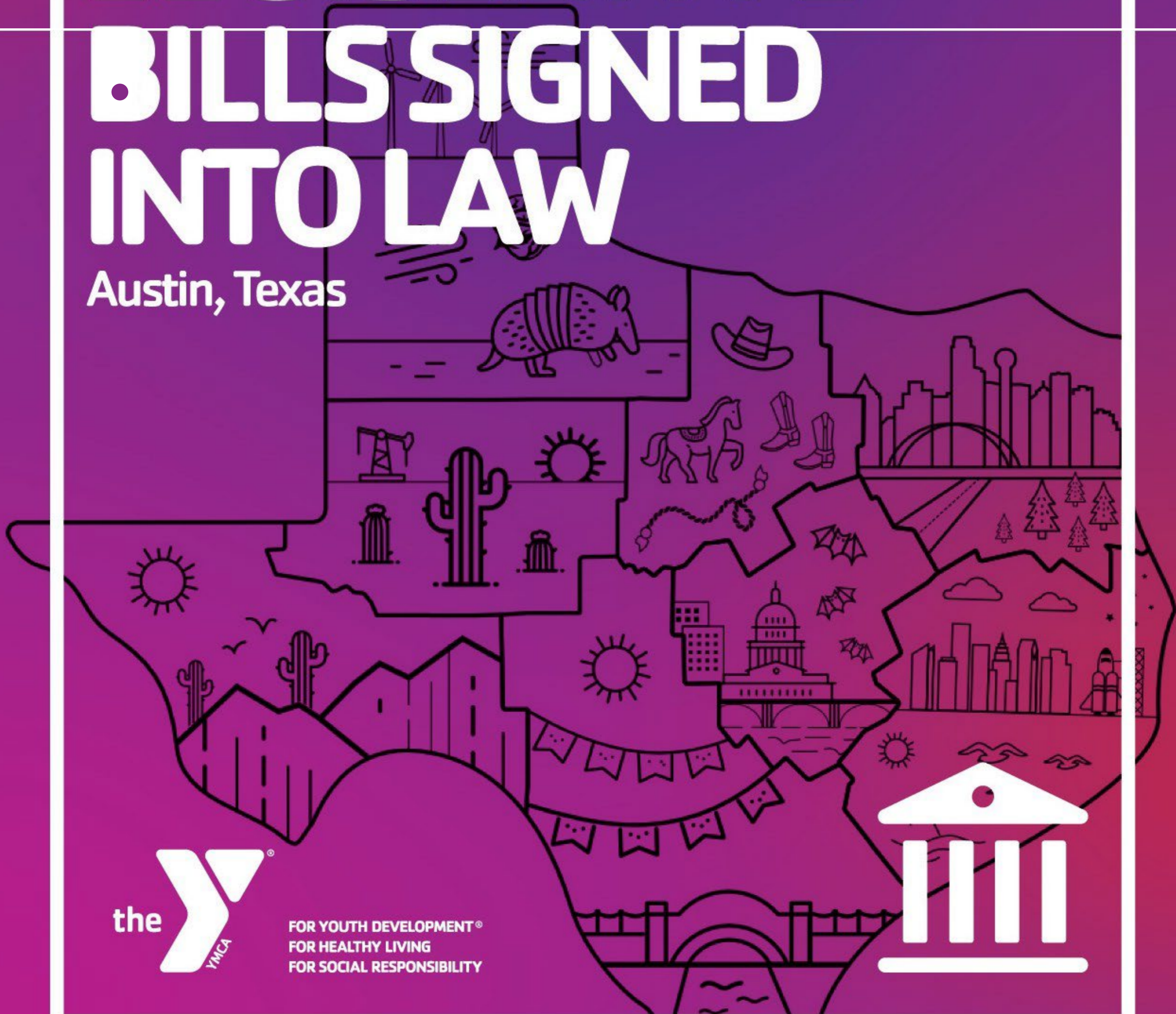


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**Author:** Ethan Matz  
**Delegation:** Imagine International Academy High School  
**District:** District 5  
**Grade:** 12

**Bill No. FS55**  
Committee No. **11**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act prohibiting the mutilation of male genitalia at birth and declaring an emergency.

2  
3 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

4  
5 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

6 Mutilation: the surgical removal of the prepuce, or foreskin, that covers the glans of the penis.

7  
8 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

9 a) This bill shall amend Penal Code section 151.001 (a)(6) to read: the right to consent to the child's  
10 marriage, enlistment in the armed forces of the United States, medical and dental care, and psychiatric,  
11 psychological, and surgical treatment excluding circumcision that is not a medical necessity;

12  
13 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

14 n/a

15  
16 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

17 This act shall take effect one-hundred and fifty (150) days after the adjournment of the Youth  
18 Legislature.

19  
20 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

21 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

22  
23 **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

24 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the  
25 other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

26  
27 **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

28 The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an  
29 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on  
30 three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**Author:** Elliot Walker  
**Delegation:** Boswell High School  
**District:** District 4  
**Grade:** 9

Bill No. **HHB19**  
Committee No. **1**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act increasing the minimum time that a shelter must keep a stray cat or dog from 72 hours to 120  
2 and declaring an emergency.

3  
4 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

5  
6 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

7 1.Stray- Any cat or dog that has been abandoned or has never had a home or owner.

8 2. Euthanize- The use of pentobarbital, to humanely kill an animal.

9 3. Extreme aggression- Any dog or cat that has wounded an animal to an extremity or killed an  
10 animal that is very aggressive towards people and other dogs or cats. For example, a dog that was put  
11 through dog fighting.

12  
13 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

14 All Texas shelters must keep any stray that they are given for at least 120 hours before they are  
15 euthanized. The only exceptions for this are if the animal has a life-threatening disease that would  
16 severely cost the shelter, like rabies or Lyme disease, or if this animal has extreme aggression issues  
17 and would cause the shelter to have to spend extra money caring for it. This bill will also cause the  
18 shelters to be accommodated with extra money for kennels, and other amenities that will be paid for by  
19 donations.

20  
21 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

22 First offense, any shelter that does not comply, will be sent a fine of \$35,000.

23 Second offense, any shelter that refuses to comply within the next year, will be fined \$100,000.

24 Third offense, any shelter that refuses to comply within the next five years after this bill is passed will be  
25 closed within 365 days.

26  
27 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

28 This act shall take effect one hundred eighty (180) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

29  
30 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

31 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

32  
33 **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

34 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the  
35 other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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37 **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

38 The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an  
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40 three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**Author:** Anya Gupta  
**Delegation:** Coppell High School  
**District:** District 5  
**Grade:** 10

Bill No. **HHB11**  
Committee No. **3**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act regulating the prices of prescription drugs and pharmaceutical companies and declaring an  
2 emergency.

3  
4 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

5  
6 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

7 A prescribed drug refers to any medication requiring a prescription from a licensed healthcare provider.  
8 Pharmaceutical manufacturer refers to any company involved in the production, processing, labeling,  
9 and distribution of prescription drugs. Price gouging refers to the unreasonable and excessive price  
10 increase greater than the general inflation rate for prescription drugs.

11  
12 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

13 All pharmaceutical manufacturers shall provide a report with transparent and detailed information on the  
14 pricing of prescription drugs to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The report shall disclose  
15 the cost of research and development, manufacturing, marketing, clinical trials, rebates, and  
16 acquisitions; the value of grants, subsidies, profits, and tax benefits; and the history of the drug's  
17 pricing. Manufacturers will have 90 days to submit their reports and meet the drug price transparency  
18 requirement. A prescription drug pricing database that is accessible to the public shall be established and  
19 maintained by the Texas Department of State Health Services containing information of drug pricing by  
20 manufacturers. The Texas Department of State Health Services shall publish a report on the effect of  
21 drug pricing in healthcare spending in the state. It shall be prohibited for pharmaceutical firms to engage  
22 in price gouging and excessive price increases above the inflation rate for prescription drugs. The Texas  
23 Health Department of State Health Services shall regulate and investigate such instances of  
24 unreasonable price increases and will appropriately penalize manufacturers. The Texas Health  
25 Department of State Health Services shall install a Prescription Drug Affordability Board to regulate price  
26 levels. The board shall set maximum allowable prices for prescription drugs to ensure they remain  
27 reasonable.

28  
29 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

30 Failure to comply with the drug price transparency requirement shall result in fines dependent on the  
31 severity of the violation for manufacturers with penalties increasing by 10% for each repeated violation  
32 Pharmaceutical companies eligible for tax benefits and incentives will lose access and eligibility until the  
33 requirement is met. Consistent non-compliance with transparency legislation may result in the  
34 revocation and refusal to grant approvals for new drugs or therapies by regulatory agencies  
35 Pharmaceutical companies that engage in fraudulent activity and provide false information shall face  
36 criminal penalties. Individuals involved may be required to pay a fine, face imprisonment, or probation  
37 depending on the severity of the violation. If a pharmaceutical manufacturer is found guilty of engaging  
38 in price gouging, a civil fine of five times the difference between the retail list price and reference price  
39 of the drug, shall be imposed for each year the violation occurs. The violating party shall restore any  
40 money lost to a drug consumer due to an unconscionable price increase. Pharmaceutical manufacturers  
41 may be suspended or revoked of their license. Companies may be subject to increased regulatory  
42 scrutiny including the ongoing investigation and monitoring of their pricing practices and business  
43 operations

44  
45 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

46 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Author:** Hanah Park  
**Delegation:** Imagine International Academy High School  
**District:** District 5  
**Grade:** 10

Bill No. **HHB21**  
Committee No. **3**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act repealing Senate Bill 4 and extending the mifepristone/misoprostol prescription limit to 10 weeks  
2 and declaring an emergency.

3  
4 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

5  
6 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

7 Department of Health and Human Services (n.) Texas state agency that oversees all food, healthcare,  
8 safety and disaster services  
9 Health and Safety Code 245.011. (n.) states that:

10 All physicians must submit a report that includes, but is not limited to, patient's year of birth, race,  
11 marital status, type of abortion procedure, date of abortion, etc.

12 Physicians must submit their reports to the Department of Health and Human Services for every  
13 abortion procedure performed by the physician before the 15th of every month. The Department will  
14 organize these reports in an online digital archive. No report will be made public with the exception of  
15 public trial.

16 The code specifies the repercussions of breaking the law (as detailed in Section III of this bill.)

17 Mifepristone (n.) a steroid that inhibits progesterone, a hormone released by the ovaries that stimulate  
18 the uterus for pregnancy

19 Misoprostol (n.) medication used to prevent stomach ulcers while taking NSAIDS (nonsteroidal anti-  
20 inflammatory drugs.) When taken within 48 hours of mifepristone, it can be used to induce pregnancy  
21 termination.

22 Senate Bill 4 (n.) an act limiting mifepristone from the conceiving period to 8 weeks of pregnancy

23  
24 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

25 This bill repeals SB 4 of the 87th Texas Legislature and ensures that mifepristone/misoprostol are  
26 medical abortion options until the 10th week of pregnancy. This bill will be overseen and funded by the  
27 Department of Health and Human Services as listed in Health and Safety Code 245.011 (see definition  
28 a.) The Department's budget is \$50.9 billion. This bill will be funded by 0.5% of this budget.

29 Mifepristone/Misoprostol must be administered by an approved physician. Before administering

30 mifepristone/misoprostol, a physician must: Examine the pregnant woman and confirm that a pregnancy  
31 exists. Ensure the patient's health is not at risk if mifepristone/misoprostol is administered.

32 Administer mifepristone in-person. Patient is allowed to administer misoprostol themselves if physician  
33 provides sufficient administration details. After the initial dosage, the physician must include a follow up  
34 visit for the women within two weeks to confirm the pregnancy is completely terminated and to examine

35 for any continued blood loss. Mifepristone/Misoprostol may not be mailed through courier, delivery, or  
36 post service. A voluntary and informed consent form must be signed by the patient. The patient will not  
37 be held liable to criminal charges.

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39

40 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

41 A physician commits an offense if they fail to submit a report to the Department of Health and Human  
42 Services by the 15th day of each month or if their report contains details that do not abide by the 10  
43 week extension. This will result in a Class A misdemeanor. The first offense will result in a warning to  
44 the physician. The physician will be given 5 days to submit their report on time. The second offense will  
45 result in a \$250 fine. The third offense will result in a \$500 fine. Each offense will increase the fine by  
46 \$250. When the fine total reaches \$4,000, physician will pay the total fee and may be sentenced up to a  
47 year in prison.

48 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

49 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.  
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**Author:** Abbie Wang  
**Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**District:** District 5  
**Grade:** 12

**Bill No. FS03**  
Committee No. **10**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act requiring all teachers in public and charter schools to be First-Aid and CPR (with AED) certified  
2 and declaring an emergency.

3  
4 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

5  
6 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

7 First-Aid: help given to a sick or injured person until full medical treatment is available.

8 AED: An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac  
9 arrest. It is a medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical  
10 shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

11 CPR: CPR stands for cardiopulmonary resuscitation. It is an emergency life-saving procedure that is done  
12 when someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped. CPR combines rescue breathing and chest  
13 compressions.

14 CPR certification: CPR certification training involves teaching you how to identify a person suffering from  
15 cardiac arrest or from breathing constriction. Through certification courses, you'll learn the proper chest  
16 compression techniques, and how to help the victim breathe through artificial ventilation.

17 Public school: a school supported by public funds.

18 Charter school: a publicly funded independent school established by teachers, parents, or community  
19 groups under the terms of a charter with a local or national authority.

20 Teaching certification: Teacher certification, also called teacher licensure, is the credential that permits  
21 educators to instruct students at the elementary, middle and high school levels. All states require  
22 teachers to obtain certification to work in public schools, and some private schools also prefer to hire  
23 certified teachers.

24  
25 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

26 CPR certifications last for two years

27 Teachers must keep CPR certifications active

28 Teachers already with a teaching certificate will need to complete the CPR certification before the  
29 effective date

30 In order for new teachers to earn a teaching certificate, they will be required to obtain a CPR certification

31 Teaching certificates are renewed every five years

32 In order to renew a teaching certificate, an active CPR certification must be kept

33 Exemptions: Proof of Disabilities include:

34 Statements or letters on a physician's/medical professional's letterhead stationary.

35 Statements, records or letters from a Federal Government agency that issues or provides disability  
36 benefits.

37 Statements, records or letters from a State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency counselor.

38 Certification from a private Vocational Rehabilitation or other Counselor that issues or provides disability  
39 benefits.

40  
41 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

42 Teachers without a CPR certification will have 3 months to obtain one. After the grace period, the  
43 teacher in violation will be fined \$20 for every following month. As an integration of a Teaching License,  
44 teachers without CPR certifications will not be able to earn a Teaching License.

45  
46 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

47 This act shall take effect the fiscal school year (2024-2025) after the adjournment of the Youth  
48 Legislature.

**Author:** Nisha Mulji  
**Delegation:** Vista Ridge High School  
**District:** District 2  
**Grade:** 12

Bill No. **HHB36**  
Committee No. **1**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act mandating the Inclusion of Ninjago in Middle Schools and declaring an emergency.

2  
3 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

4  
5 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

6 Middle School: For the purposes of this act, "middle school" refers to educational institutions typically  
7 serving students in grades 6 through 8.

8 Ninjago: Refers to the animated television series "Ninjago: Masters of Spinjitzu."

9  
10 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

11 Introduction of Ninjago Curriculum: Beginning with the academic year following the passage of this bill,  
12 every middle school in the State of Texas shall be required to include the television series "Ninjago:  
13 Masters of Spinjitzu" as a part of their curriculum. Two episodes of "Ninjago" shall be played once per  
14 week during the school year.

15 Integration of Ninjago Lessons: The content of each episode shall be integrated into existing subject  
16 matter where applicable, such as using themes from the show to enhance problem-solving, teamwork,  
17 and character education.

18 No Associated Coursework: The Ninjago class, being similar to a common homeroom-type class, shall  
19 not include any formal coursework, tests, or assignments. Its primary purpose is to promote creativity  
20 and enjoyment among students.

21 Resources: The State of Texas shall provide schools with the necessary resources, including access to  
22 the "Ninjago" episodes, to ensure the implementation of this curriculum.

23  
24 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

25 There shall be no penalties associated with the non-compliance of this act, as its primary purpose is to  
26 enhance the educational experience and encourage creativity in the classroom.

27  
28 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

29 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

30  
31 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

32 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

33  
34 **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

35 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the  
36 other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

37  
38 **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

39 The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an  
40 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on  
41 three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**Author:** Sydnei Sisney  
**Delegation:** Lake Houston Onsite Club  
**District:** District 3  
**Grade:** 11

Bill No. **HHB51**  
 Committee No. **1**

**A BILL  
 TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act providing availability and equal access to all academic, rehabilitative, and vocational programs to  
 2 incarcerated women in pursuit of higher education in the custody of the Texas Department Criminal  
 3 Justice and declaring an emergency.

4 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

5 Texas Department Criminal Justice- is a department of the government in the state of Texas.  
 6 Vocational- means Education that serves to prepare a person or group for a specific career.  
 7 Incarcerated- or Imprisonment is the restraint of a person's liberty against their will and Imprisonment  
 8 by authority of the government, or by a person acting without such authority.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

- 9 i) The Texas Department Criminal Justice must allow all women in Texas prisons and jails the access  
 10 to all programs and services in obtaining a higher education without barriers of gender disparity or  
 11 discrepancy including:  
 12 a. Equal ability to earn a master's and Bachelor's degree.  
 13 b. Ability to enroll in all dual undergraduate and post secondary education programs.  
 14 c. Access to all vocational certificates for occupations and courses.  
 15 ii) All inmates shall be given an immediate and explicit timeframe for the beginning of each program and  
 16 all online and impersonal resources to attend each course.  
 17 iii) All inmates shall be eligible to apply for and receive state financial aid regardless of felony or  
 18 controlled substance abuse.  
 19 a. All confined or incarcerated individuals will be assisted and allowed to complete the free  
 20 application for Federal Student Aid to determine their eligibility for a Pell Grant.  
 21 b. Pell grants will provide 6,400 dollars in funding per year for each inmate that will not have to be  
 22 returned.  
 23 c. 1.5 billion dollars will be used to cover funding from the Texas State General Revenue fund.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

- 24 i) Texas Department Criminal Justice members and prisons who are not compliant to granting equal  
 25 access to these courses and programs will be reviewed by the Supreme Court of Texas:  
 26 a. Individual offenders outside of the Texas Department Criminal Justice will receive a minimum  
 27 sentence of 3 years and a maximum of 10 years. Offenders may also receive a fine of up to 9,000 dollars.  
 28 b. Offenders within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will receive a minimum sentence of 5  
 29 years and a maximum of 20 years. Offenders may also receive a fine of up to 10,000 dollars.  
 30 c. Offenders within the Texas Department Criminal Justice will not be allowed to serve in  
 31 government positions including positions that fall under counties and cities in the state.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

32 This act shall take effect at the start of the school year of 24-25 after the adjournment of the Youth  
 33 Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

34 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

35 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the  
 36 other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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 38 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on  
 39 three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**Author:** Connor Phipps  
**Delegation:** McKinney Boyd High School  
**District:** District 5  
**Grade:** 9

Bill No. **HHB15**  
 Committee No. **2**

**A BILL  
 TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act stating any fully or partially disabled person is eligible to apply for a subsidy towards the  
 2 purchase and training of a service animal based on their annual income and declaring an emergency.

3 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

4 Service animal: a canine individually trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with a  
 5 disability. The task(s) performed by the dog must be directly related to the person's disability.  
 6 Fully or partially disabled: A person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits  
 7 one or more major life activities (such as: hearing, seeing, walking/moving, thinking/memory, taking  
 8 care of personal needs).  
 9 Subsidy: a direct or indirect payment granted by a government to a household or individual.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

10 Any disabled person in need may apply for a Service Animal subsidy based on their annual income  
 11 reported on their two most recent tax returns.  
 12 Annual household income (AHI): under \$29,950 or Individual: \$14,880 may receive a full subsidy for a  
 13 service animal.  
 14 AHI: \$30,000 or Individual: \$15,000 to \$29,950 may receive a \$10,000 subsidy.  
 15 AHI: \$50,000 or Individual: \$30,000 to \$49,950 may receive a \$5,000 subsidy.  
 16 Any household who makes more than \$80,000 or Individual \$50,000 will need to provide further  
 17 justification on why assistance is needed and be evaluated on a case by case basis.  
 18 A \$0.02 tax will be added at the end of all liquor sales to assist with cost.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

19 Disability Fraud and/or Falsifying Income: A person who attempts to falsify their disability or income for  
 20 money shall follow current penalties for disability fraud and/or Tax Fraud.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

21 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

22 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

23 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the  
 24 other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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 27 three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**Author:** Elliot Copeland  
**Delegation:** John Marshall Law and Medical Services High School  
**District:** District 7  
**Grade:** 11

**Bill No. FS21**  
**Committee No. 14**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act increasing the safety of labor conducted in the heat and declaring an emergency.

2  
3 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

4  
5 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

6 A. Environmental heat is defined as the combined heat from air temperature, humidity, radiant heat,  
7 and air movement.

8 B. Employee includes any individual employed by an employer.

9 C. "Employer" includes a person acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer in relation to  
10 an employee.

11  
12 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

13 A. An employer must maintain and utilize a functioning instrument that is capable of measuring the  
14 environmental heat of a specific location any time work is being conducted at that specific location, if the  
15 work being conducted carries the risk of occupational heat illness.

16 B. An employee must be provided eight ounces of cool water at least every 20 minutes for the duration  
17 of their work by their employer, if the work being performed carries the risk of occupational heat illness.

18 C. An employee must be provided, and is required to take a break in a cool location for each hour of  
19 work that carries the risk of heat illness is conducted. Cool locations include, but are not limited to: a  
20 shaded area, an air-conditioned vehicle or room away from heat sources, areas with fans or misting  
21 devices.

22  
23 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

24 A. An employer commits an offense if they are found to be in violation of Section 2(A)

25 (a) An offense under Section 3(A) is a Class C misdemeanor.

26 B. An employer commits an offense if they are found to be in violation of Sections 2(B) and 2(C).

27 (a) An initial offense under Section 3(B) is a Class A misdemeanor.

28 (b) A second time, or greater, offense under Section 3(B) is a state-jail felony.

29  
30 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

31 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

32  
33 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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**Author:** Emory Miramontes Eldredge  
**Delegation:** Boswell High School  
**District:** District 4  
**Grade:** 10

**Bill No. HHB20**  
**Committee No. 1**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act establishing a scholarship fund for all kindergarten students enrolled in Texas public schools and  
2 declaring an emergency.

3  
4 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

5  
6 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

7 Scholarship fund: An initial deposit that shall accrue interest and be offered to the student whose name  
8 it is under upon high school graduation to be used for tuition, books or on-campus housing at any  
9 accredited post-secondary institution.

10 Texas public school: a school within a Texas independent school district or an individual school that is  
11 maintained at public expense for the education of children and under the authority of the Texas  
12 Education Agency.

13 Accredited Post-Secondary Institution: Technical or trade schools, traditional four-year  
14 colleges/universities, and community colleges accredited through the Higher Education Coordinating  
15 Board, Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges<sup>®</sup> (ACCSC), or the Council on  
16 Occupational Education (COE).

17  
18 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

19 Each student, upon completion of Kindergarten in a Texas public school, shall have \$10.00 put into a  
20 savings account in their name that shall accrue 5% interest per year until they graduate high school.  
21 Upon providing proof of high school graduation from a Texas public school, the student can request the  
22 funds from their savings account be sent to an accredited post-secondary institution for the payment of  
23 tuition, textbooks, or on-campus housing. These institutions shall not be restricted to those only within  
24 the state of Texas. To be eligible for the funds, a student must complete their entire kindergarten year  
25 and graduate high school from a Texas public school. The funds in accounts of students who are no  
26 longer eligible shall be combined to create merit scholarships, of the same amount as the savings  
27 accounts, to be awarded to Texas public-school high school graduates who did not meet savings account  
28 eligibility requirements. Any money not withdrawn shall be utilized for subsequent funding of savings  
29 accounts. The money that shall be deposited each year shall come from money found by the Texas  
30 Education Agency (TEA) in the State of Texas' yearly budget. TEA shall oversee this act's compliance.

31  
32 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

33 Not applicable.

34  
35 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

36 This act shall take effect at the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year, for the class of 2040.

37  
38 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

39 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

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**Author:** Jason Choi  
**Delegation:** Veterans Memorial High School **District:** District 7

**Bill No. FS27**  
**Committee No. 14**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act to Resolve the Statewide Need for Blood Donations and declaring an emergency.  
2 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

3 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

4 Small Businesses are defined as business entities with an annual revenue of \$1 million or less, employing 50  
5 employees

6 or less and legally operating within the state of Texas. Operational Costs are defined as expenses directly related to  
7 hosting the mentioned blood drive; examples include the venue rental, marketing, and medical staff. Collaboration is  
8 defined as a formal agreement between a business and a recognized blood bank or medical facility. Recognized Blood  
9 Banks are defined as institutions designated/approved/certified by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

10 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

11 2.1: Program Commencement: a. Upon passage of the bill by both Legislative Chambers and signed by the Governor,  
12 the following provisions shall be taken into effect following the timeline of Section IV. 2.2: Implementation: a.

13 Eligibility: Small Businesses seeking to participate in the program must submit an application to the Texas  
14 Comptroller's office; the office shall verify eligibility according to the following criteria: have less than an annual  
15 revenue of \$1 million or less & has fifty (50) employees or less & is legally operating within the state of Texas. b.

16 Notification & Operation: Once notified electronically or by mail, small businesses meeting the criteria shall have the  
17 authority to host blood drives in collaboration with recognized blood banks or medical facilities. However, businesses  
18 may host the blood drives at their premises. c. Reimbursement Process: The Texas Comptroller's office shall establish  
19 a streamlined process for small businesses to submit reimbursement requests for operational costs incurred during  
20 blood drives. d. Tax Rebate Calculation: The tax rebate, as outlined in Section 2.2(c), shall be calculated based on

21 the total operational costs submitted by participating businesses; small businesses shall receive a ten (10) percent  
22 tax rebate based on the total operation costs incurred for each blood drive, subject to an annual maximum rebate of  
23 \$5,000. e. Blood Drive Requirements: Blood drives must be held at least once every fiscal quarter with a minimum of

24 25 participants per drive in order to qualify for the program. 2.3 Reporting and Accountability: a. Quarterly  
25 Reporting: Participating businesses are required to submit quarterly reports to the Texas Comptroller's office  
26 including information including but not limited to: detailing the number of blood drives hosted, the number of blood

27 units collected, and any efforts undertaken to raise public awareness about the blood drives. In addition, an itemized  
28 list of operational costs must be submitted for reimbursement via tax rebates to the Texas Comptroller's Office by  
29 mail or online using a provided standardized form modeled after current editions. b. Enforcement and Auditing: The  
30 Texas Comptroller's office reserves the right to audit

31 participating businesses to ensure compliance with program requirements and occurrence of submitted information.

32 2.4 Program Promotion and Public Awareness: a. Promotion Efforts: The Texas Department of State Health Services,  
33 in collaboration with the Comptroller's office, shall undertake efforts to promote and raise public awareness about the  
34 Forman Blood Drive Initiative Bill. b. Information Resources: A website and information resources regarding this

35 program and its channels of submitting varying documents shall be henceforth made available to inform small  
36 businesses and the public regarding the details, benefits, and participation guidelines of the program as well as a copy of  
37 this bill

38 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

39 3.1 Enforcement by Texas Comptroller's Office: The Texas Comptroller's Office Shall be Responsible for the  
40 Enforcement & Administration of the program. 3.2 Penalties for Non-Compliance(Differing Penalties for Differing  
41 Severity): Businesses found in violation of the program's requirements and procedures will be held accountable for

42 violations; examples shown below: a. Rebate Disqualification: Small businesses found in minor violation(not meeting  
43 minimum participant count for a blood drive, etc.) will face disqualification from receiving the tax rebate for a set  
44 period of time, but shall not exceed one (1) Fiscal Quarter. b. Monetary Penalties: Small businesses found in

45 significant violations(submitting false reimbursement requests or repeatedly failing to meet blood drive requirements)  
46 will face monetary penalties; specific amounts shall vary on a situation-by-situation basis, but shall not exceed \$5,000  
47 per violation. c. Temporary Suspension: Small businesses found in serious violations(fraudulent activities or chronic  
48 non-compliance with reporting requirements) will lead to temporary suspension of participation in the program for a

49 set period of time, but shall not exceed four (4) Fiscal Quarters and shall not be less than two (2) Fiscal Quarters. d.  
50 Permanent Disqualification: Businesses engaged in repeated, extreme violations(fraudulent activities, chronic non-  
51 compliance with reporting requirements, intentional misconduct, etc.) will face permanent disqualification from

52 participating in the program, forfeiting eligibility for all future tax rebates from the program. e. Legal Action: Initiation  
53 of legal action against businesses that engage in fraud, misrepresentation, or other unlawful activities in connection  
54 with the program; may result in additional civil penalties and legal consequences under existing Texas state laws. f.  
55 Recoupment: In cases of proven fraud or misuse of the program, businesses will be required to repay any tax rebates

56 received, with an added interest rate accounting for inflation as determined by the Federal Reserve Board. 3.3 Appeals  
57 Process: a. Request for Review: Any business subject to penalty/penalties as prescribed under Section 3.2 may  
58 request a review of the decision by either submitting a written request or online request for review to the Texas

59 Comptroller's office within 30 days of the notice of the penalty. b. Review Process: The Comptroller's Office shall  
60 appoint an independent review panel to evaluate the appeal; the panel will consist of members with expertise in  
61 4 relevant areas. c. Decision: The review panel shall make a final decision within ninety (90) days of receiving the  
62 appeal; the received decision will be binding. d. Additional Legal Recourse: Businesses may seek additional legal  
63 recourse through Texas courts if they are to believe the program's enforcement has been unjustly applied.



**TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

**Bills of the  
2024 YMCA Texas Junior  
Youth and Government  
State Conference Signed into Law**

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**District:** District 5  
**Grade:** 8

Bill No. **SB18**  
Committee No. **6**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act increasing the number of highway patrol officers in the state of Texas and declaring an  
2 emergency.

3  
4 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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6 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

7 Highway Patrol Officers (HPO)- The Texas Highway Patrol Service is responsible for general police traffic  
8 supervision, traffic, and criminal law enforcement on the rural highways of Texas.

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10 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

11 A. The Texas HPO will increase from 2802 commissioned officers to 5500 commissioned officers.  
12 B. Paid for by Texas Budget Surplus

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14 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

15 Not needed

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17 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

18 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

19  
20 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

21 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

22  
23 **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

24 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the  
25 other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

26  
27 **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

28 The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an  
29 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on  
30 three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**Author:** Sahasra Potlapalli  
**School:** Coppell Middle West  
**District:** District 5  
**Grade:** 6

Bill No. **DHB44**  
Committee No. **2**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act prohibiting usage of specific parts of cattle for consumption and declaring an emergency.

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3 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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5 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

6 TDA - Texas Department of Agriculture

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8 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

9 A. Unfair treatment of the cow population - Slaughter houses must limit which parts of cattle should be  
10 used for consumption or used for businesses such as the excessive parts of the cattle like the tongue,  
11 heart, and skin/hide.  
12 B. Yearly the TDA will come to check on these businesses to see if the slaughter of cows are balanced. If  
13 the slaughter of cows are not balanced, it will lead to a fine and so on.  
14 C. Price on salable meat should increase due to limited usage of cattle.

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16 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

17 First offense - Over slaughtering cows can lead to a \$50,000 fine or more due to the amount of  
18 slaughter done.

19 Second offense - After checked by the TDA, over slaughtering of cattle can lead to removal of license to  
20 run the slaughter house.

21  
22 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

23 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

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25 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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28 **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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30 other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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35 three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**Author:** Satvik Devatha  
**School:** Coppell Middle West  
**District:** District 5  
**Grade:** 8

Bill No. **HB026**  
Committee No. **11**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act mandating that a university's athletics department partially pays for injuries caused by high  
2 contact sports during their sports events, and declaring an emergency.  
3 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

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6 Athletics Department: The department in a university that oversees all parts of athletics programs,  
7 including but not limited to: Hiring coaches, advertising events, budgeting, etc.  
8 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB): The department of government that oversees all  
9 postsecondary education institutions such as community colleges, schools, and all independent colleges  
10 and universities.  
11 High Contact Sport: A sport that carries a high risk of injury, such as: Wrestling, American Football,  
12 Lacrosse.  
13 TBI: TBI stands for Traumatic Brain Injury, such as concussions, extra-axial hematomas, contusions,  
14 and internal hemorrhages.  
15 Major Injuries: Any injuries that cause short-term disability such as: a broken or fractured bone, torn  
16 ligaments, surgeries, severe bleeding, etc.  
17 Faulty Equipment: Equipment that is damaged or outdated.  
18 Severe Injuries: Any injuries that cause permanently diminished quality of life such as amputations or  
19 TBIs.

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

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22 A) Universities shall pay for 30% of the cost of medical injuries that occur to their athletes.  
23 B) Universities will only pay for the injuries if they are major injuries.  
24 C) In the case of a severe injury, the university will only pay up to \$12,600, which is 30% of the  
25 average cost of major injuries.  
26 D) Universities will be held responsible for injuries only if the damages/injuries were caused due to faulty  
27 equipment, or if the injury was caused during a real game/match.  
28 E) In the event of an injury in other college/university grounds, the college which the student belongs to  
29 will cover the expenses of the injury.  
30 F) Universities may not establish a contract or agreement that contradicts this bill.  
31 G) The university will provide the required sum of money within 10 days, even if the athlete has already  
32 paid for the injury (with or without insurance).  
33 H) If the university decides to reject the athletes appeal for compensation, the THECB will conduct a  
34 thorough investigation of the incident, and the investigation will be paid 50% by the T.E.A, and 50% by  
35 the university.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

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38 A) Failing to pay 30% of an injury will result in the athletics department of the university/college  
39 receiving a warning on the first offense.  
40 B) If the university still does not pay 30% of the cost of the injury to the athlete, they will pay a \$3,500  
41 fine to the THECB.  
42 C) If the university does not pay 30% of the cost of the injury to the athlete within a week, they will pay  
43 an additional \$5,000 to the THECB.  
44 D) Every week not paying 30% of the cost of the injury to the athlete will have an increase of \$1800 on  
45 the fine.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

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48 This act shall take effect at the start of the 2024-2025 school year after the adjournment of the Youth  
49 Legislature.

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**School:** Creekview Middle School  
**District:** District 4  
**Grade:** 6

Bill No. **DHB25**  
Committee No. **3**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act mandating that every school in Texas must have computer software that can translate English  
2 into any language and vice versa and declaring an emergency.

3  
4 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

**Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

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7 A pair of earphones joined by a band placed over the head, for listening to audio signals such as music  
8 or speech

**Section II. PROVISIONS:**

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10 Every school in Texas must have the Technology to provide for children who do not speak English.

**Section III. PENALTIES:**

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14 Any school found to be in noncompliance shall be reported to the Texas Education Agency so that funds  
15 can be provided to make the accommodation. If it is found that the district is not in compliance because of  
16 neglect, fines will be assessed per occurrence starting at \$2000 per.

**Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

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19 This act shall take effect ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

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22 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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25 If any portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional, it is the intent of the Legislature that the  
26 other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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29 The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendar in both Houses create an  
30 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on  
31 three separate days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended.

**Author:** Siddharth Pappu  
**School:** Coppell Middle West  
**District:** District 5  
**Grade:** 8

Bill No. **SB24**  
Committee No. **4**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act protecting the water supply and improving the water purification plants of the State of Texas and  
2 declaring an emergency.

3  
4 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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6 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

7 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - In charge of the quality of the State of Texas'  
8 environment.

9 Fiscal Year- A year as reckoned for taxing or accounting purposes.

10 Birth Defects- Issues or anomalies to a newborn child.

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12 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

13 A. The State of Texas shall punish companies or organizations that pollute the water in the State of  
14 Texas.

15 B. Funding for this bill shall come from 1% of sales tax.

16 C. All reaming funding will be carried over for budget of the next fiscal year.

17 D. The Texas Commission on Environment Quality will be in charge of the inspectors who will inspect the  
18 companies and organizations in the State of Texas every year. The inspectors shall be assigned to their  
19 designated areas and regions by the TCEQ Board.

20 E. Corporations that have a Industrial Facility/Factory that has more than 1000 employees and/or based  
21 near major bodies of water such as lakes, rivers, reservoirs or oceans or any other public/large water  
22 supply and/or releases ~wastewater' that contains any industrial grade or harmful chemicals that are  
23 known the affect humans or animals, born and unborn in a negative manner to their health or well-being  
24 are subject to this law.

25 F. Companies will only be charged if the water present near the facility has any pollutants that can cause  
26 health issues or birth defects to any unborn/born person and an impact on the local environment.

27 G. All polluted water is verified to match with industrial facilities/factories in the area

28 H. All fines shall be paid to the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality and shall also be used for  
29 the funding of this bill.

30 I. All water shall be purified at wastewater plants in the county/region they are present in. The  
31 organization/company is responsible for the purification of their water.

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33 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

34 First offense: organizations /companies violating the provisions of this bill will be fined 2% of their yearly  
35 income (after taxes) for that fiscal year and receive a written warning.

36 Second offense: the companies/organizations shall be fined 5% of their yearly income (after taxes) for  
37 that fiscal year written warning.

38 Third offense: the companies/organizations shall be fined 7% of their yearly fiscal income (after taxes)  
39 written warning.

40 Fourth offense: the companies/organizations shall be fined 10% of their yearly fiscal income (after  
41 taxes) and receive a written warning.

42 Fifth offense & onwards: the companies/organizations license to conduct operations in the State of Texas  
43 will be revoked for one year and they shall pay 10% of their yearly fiscal income (after taxes) and shall  
44 be given a written warning.

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46 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

47 This act shall take effect at the start of 2026 after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

**Author:** Mezi Mbanugo  
**School:** Coppell Middle West  
**District:** District 5  
**Grade:** 8

Bill No. **SB25**  
Committee No. **5**

**A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED**

1 An act requiring all necessary medications in the State of Texas to be sold for its relevant price and  
2 declaring an emergency.

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4 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.

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6 **Section I. DEFINITIONS:**

7 Necessary medication- Medications needed to manage chronic conditions and prevent death

8 Relevant price- A price not exceeding more than 5.5 times the amount it costs to produce any given  
9 medication.

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11 **Section II. PROVISIONS:**

12 Within the state of Texas, all necessary medications e.g. insulin, epinephrine, and SGLT2 inhibitors will  
13 have their shelf prices set to 5.5 times the production cost of the said drug.

14  
15 **Section III. PENALTIES:**

16 If a corporation stands in contempt of this law, on its first offense it will be fined a sum of 5 million U.S.  
17 dollars.

18 If a corporation stands in contempt of this law for the second time, it will be fined a sum of 10 million  
19 U.S. dollars.

20 If a corporation stands in contempt of this law for the third time, it will have its products' patent revoked  
21 and will be fined 15 million U.S. dollars.

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23 **Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

24 This act shall take effect the following fiscal year after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

25  
26 **Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:**

27 All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are herewith repealed to the extent of the conflict.

28  
29 **Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:**

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31 other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

32  
33 **Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:**

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