Sample Bill

Below is a sample of a bill that passed as amended through both the House and the Senate, and was signed by the Youth Governor at a recent YMCA NC Youth Legislature. It is to be used as an example only. Please do not reproduce this bill and turn it in as your bill for this year’s Youth Legislature.

[BILL NUMBER – leave blank]

[PURPOSE:] To raise test scores and lower violence by allowing students in public schools a quiet period of meditation.

[INTRODUCED BY]: Sponsor’s name
YMCA represented
High School represented
City, NC
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City, NC

[BE IT ENACTED BY THE YMCA NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:]
All bills must start with this sentence.

Section 1. For the purpose of this bill, a time of meditation shall be defined as a mandatory rest period.

Section 2. There shall be an allotted thirty minutes of quiet meditation or optional study hall in a separate room during the rest period, the time of which is to be determined at the school’s discretion.

Section 3. The students shall be allowed to position themselves comfortably. (Mats are optional). No student will be able to talk or in any other way disturb classmates. Lights shall be turned off.

Section 4. This time may be used to pray, participate in other religious activities, meditation or rest, according to a student’s choice and complying with school regulations.

Section 5. This bill will go into effect in all state-funded schools, excluding state-supported universities at the beginning of the approaching school year. After two years of trial, if standardized test scores are not raised and if violence is not lowered, then this bill will be re-submitted to the North Carolina General Assembly for debate.

Section 6. All laws and acts in conflict with this law are hereby repealed. This should be the last section of all bills. PLEASE DO NOT NUMBER LINES!

[REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON] (State office will assign to a committee. Please leave blank).