

**2026 NOF Emerald/Walnut Invite (MS) Docket --  
National Animal Shelter Spay and Neuter Support  
Act**

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

2. **Section 1** The federal government shall establish a National Animal  
3. Shelter Spay and Neuter Grant Program to fund spay and neuter  
4. services at animal shelters across the United States, with the  
5. goal of reducing animal overpopulation and the number of animals  
6. that cannot find homes.

7. **Section 2** For the purposes of this bill, "eligible shelters" shall  
8. include any nonprofit or government-operated animal shelter or  
9. rescue organization that accepts stray, surrendered, or abandoned  
10. animals and operates within the United States.

11. **Section 3** The National Animal Shelter Spay and Neuter Grant  
12. Program shall be funded at no less than two hundred fifty  
13. million dollars annually, appropriated by Congress and  
14. administered by the Department of Agriculture. Grant funding  
15. shall be distributed to eligible shelters on a competitive  
16. basis, with priority given to shelters in communities with the  
17. highest documented rates of animal overpopulation, stray animal  
18. intake, and euthanasia due to overcrowding.

19. **Section 4** Shelters receiving funding under this bill shall offer  
20. spay and neuter services at no cost to pet owners who  
21. demonstrate financial need, and at reduced cost to all other pet  
22. owners, within one year of receiving a grant.

23. **Section 5** The Department of Agriculture shall conduct annual  
24. audits of shelters receiving federal funds to ensure compliance  
25. with the requirements of this bill and may revoke funding from  
26. shelters found to be in violation. The Department of Agriculture  
27. shall report to Congress every two years on the program's  
28. impact, including data on shelter intake rates, euthanasia

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30. participating shelters nationwide.

31. **Section 6** This bill shall take effect one year after its passage.

32. All laws and regulations in conflict with this bill are hereby

33. declared null and void.

34. Introduced for Congressional Debate by NOF

## A Bill to Establish a Federal Digital Literacy Curriculum in All Public Schools

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

2. **Section 1** The federal government shall establish a National Digital  
3. Literacy Curriculum to be implemented in all public middle  
4. schools in the United States, providing students with the skills  
5. to critically evaluate online information, identify  
6. misinformation, protect their personal data, and navigate digital  
7. spaces safely and responsibly.

8. **Section 2** For the purposes of this bill, "digital literacy" shall  
9. mean the ability to access, evaluate, create, and communicate  
10. information using digital technologies, including but not  
11. limited to skills in source evaluation, recognition of  
12. misinformation and algorithmic bias, data privacy practices, and  
13. responsible online conduct.

14. **Section 3** The National Digital Literacy Curriculum shall be funded  
15. at no less than five hundred million dollars annually,  
16. appropriated by Congress and administered by the Department of  
17. Education, which shall develop the curriculum in consultation  
18. with technology experts, classroom educators, civil society  
19. organizations, and student representatives.

20. **Section 4** The Department of Education shall make the completed  
21. curriculum available to all public middle schools at no cost  
22. within eighteen months of this bill's passage, along with  
23. accompanying teacher training materials and professional  
24. development resources. All public schools in the United States  
25. shall integrate digital literacy instruction into existing  
26. courses or offer it as a standalone subject for no fewer than  
27. one full semester.

28. **Section 5** The Department of Education shall establish a compliance

30. annual reports documenting how digital literacy instruction is  
31. being delivered, which grade levels are being served, and how  
32. many students are completing the required instruction each year.  
33. Schools that fail to demonstrate compliance within one  
34. additional year shall be subject to a reduction in federal  
35. education funding at the discretion of the Department of  
36. Education.

37. **Section 6** The Department of Education shall review and update the  
38. National Digital Literacy Curriculum every three years to ensure  
39. its content remains current with changes in technology, digital  
40. culture, and emerging threats to online safety and information  
41. integrity.

42. **Section 7** This bill shall take effect one year following its  
43. passage. All laws and regulations in conflict with this bill are  
44. hereby declared null and void.

45. Introduced for Congressional Debate by NOF

**A Resolution to Urge the Expansion of  
Apprenticeship and Vocational Training Programs  
for American Teenagers**

1. **WHEREAS**, A four-year college degree is not the right path for every  
2. young American, and many well-paying careers in skilled trades,  
3. technology, and healthcare do not require a traditional college  
4. education; and

5. **WHEREAS**, The United States currently faces significant shortages of  
6. workers in fields such as construction, electrical work,  
7. plumbing, and advanced manufacturing, contributing to higher  
8. costs and slower economic growth; and

9. **WHEREAS**, Expanding access to apprenticeship and vocational training  
10. programs for teenagers would better prepare young people for the  
11. workforce and strengthen the American economy; now, therefore,  
12. be it

13. **RESOLVED**, By this Congress that the United States recognizes the  
14. vital importance of vocational and apprenticeship pathways and  
15. urges increased federal investment in programs that connect  
16. teenagers with hands-on career training opportunities; and, be it

17. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That Congress encourages the Department of Labor  
18. to partner with industries, community colleges, and high schools  
19. to develop and expand apprenticeship programs that are  
20. accessible to students from all backgrounds.

21. Introduced for Congressional Debate by NOF