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TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT



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## YMCA TEXAS YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT 2022 Legislative Bills Signed into Law

### HIGH SCHOOL BILLS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR Jaalen Robinson

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Club/ District</b>
FS001	An act legalizing physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients and declaring an emergency	Acharya, Ahan	Imagine International Academy High School
FS026	An act regarding the improvement of health care in all Texas immigration detention centers and declaring an emergency	Hussain, Aleeza	Liberty High School
HB095	An act allowing minors to buy birth control without their parent's consent and declaring an emergency.	Roberts, Sereniti	Duncanville High School
FS033	An act limiting the sale of insulin to no more than \$25 per 30-day supply regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the person's prescription and declaring an emergency.	Mantzey, Garrett	McKinney YMCA Branch Club
HB068	An act to protect longtime homeowners who make less than \$50,000 in Household income, and the property tax is more than 3% of their income from gentrification and declaring an emergency.	Maguire, Brian	Vista Ridge High School
FS042	Pocket Veto -- An act banning the act of smoking in a vehicle when a minor is present and declaring an emergency.	Olatunji, Noah	Imagine International Academy of North Texas

Referred to State Affairs A

HB068

1 Author: Joey Maguire YMCA Delegation: Vista Ridge High School  
2 YMCA: YMCA of Greater Williamson Country City: Austin Grade: 9th

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4 A BILL  
5 TO BE ENTITLED  
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7 An act to protect longtime homeowners who make less than \$50,000 in Household income, and  
8 the property tax is more than 3% of their income from gentrification and declaring an emergency.

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

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12 Section I. DEFINITIONS:

- 13 A) **Longtime Homeowner** - a person who has owned their primary residence for over 10
- 14 years.
- 15 B) **Gentrification** - the process whereby the character of a poor urban area is changed
- 16 by wealthier people moving in, improving housing, and attracting new businesses,
- 17 typically displacing current inhabitants in the process.
- 18 C) **Household Income** - The combined income of all residents inside a household
- 19 before taxes within a 12-month period
- 20 D) **Property Tax** - Property tax is an ad valorem tax assessed on real estate by a local
- 21 government and paid by the property owner.
- 22 E) **Target Demographic** - Homeowners with less than \$50,000 in household income
- 23 whose property tax is less than 3% of their income
- 24 F) **Benefits** - have their taxes reduced to be less than 3% of their income

25 Section II. PROVISIONS:

- 26 A) All local governments shall reduce property taxes for the property owners who make less
- 27 than \$50,000 until they fall within the target demographic
- 28 B) Anyone who is within \$5,000 of the income bracket, or .25% of the property tax threshold
- 29 may apply to given the same benefits.

30 Section III. PENALTIES:

- 31 A) Any appraisal district that refuses to change to this policy will lose 75% of its income from
- 32 property taxes until the policy is enacted and upheld.

33 Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

34 This act shall take effect one-hundred eighty (180) days after the adjournment of the Youth  
35 Legislature. (You may amend if your bill presents exceptions).

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37 Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

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

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40 Section VI. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE:

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42 the other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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44 Section VII. EMERGENCY CLAUSE:

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

Referred to Health and Human Services B

HB095

1  
2 Author: Sereniti Roberts YMCA Delegation: Duncanville High School  
3 YMCA: Oak Cliff Delegation City: Duncanville Grade: 11<sup>th</sup>

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5 A BILL  
6 TO BE ENTITLED  
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8 An act allowing minors to buy birth control without their parent’s consent and declaring an  
9 emergency.

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

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13 Section I. DEFINITIONS:

- 14 Minors- An individual under the age of 18.
- 15 Birth control- The use of any practices, methods, or devices to prevent unwanted pregnancies (Birth
- 16 control pill/shot and the birth control patch).
- 17 Parent’s Consent- Parental permission for the minor in their custody to be prescribed or purchase
- 18 any form of contraception or undergo any procedure to prevent pregnancy.

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20 Section II. PROVISIONS:

- 21 A. This act will allow minors ages from 13 to 17 to purchase birth control.
- 22 B. This act must allow minors to purchase birth control at medical clinics and local pharmacies
- 23 without their parent’s granting permission.
- 24 C. Minor will be required to show a form of ID (school ID or state ID) before purchasing the
- 25 birth control.

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27 Section III. PENALTIES:

- 28 1. If the store or clinic doesn’t allow the minor to purchase birth control, they will be warned
- 29 and required to call back the minor.
- 30 2. If the store or clinic again doesn’t allow the minor to buy the birth control, they will be fined
- 31 \$5,000.
- 32 3. If the store or clinic still doesn’t allow the minor to purchase birth control, they will be fined
- 33 \$10,000 per each repeated offense.

34 Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

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

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Referred to Health and Human Services C

FS001

Author: Ahan Acharya YMCA Delegation: Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
YMCA: McKinney YMCA City: McKinney Grade: 12

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED

An act legalizing physician-assisted suicide for terminally ill patients and declaring an emergency.

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

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Physician - a person qualified to practice medicine.
- B. Suicide - the act or an instance of taking one's own life voluntarily and intentionally.
- C. Terminal Illness - a disease that cannot be cured or adequately treated and is reasonably expected to result in the death of the patient.
- D. Capable - a patient has the ability to make and communicate health care decisions to health care providers, including communication through persons familiar with the patient's manner of communicating.
- E. M.D. - a medical degree.
- F. D.O. - a medical degree.
- G. Insurer - a person or company that underwrites an insurance risk.
- H. Lethal - sufficient to cause death.
- I. DDMP - consisting of diazepam, digoxin, morphine sulfate, and propranolol.
- J. DDMA - consisting of diazepam, digoxin, morphine sulfate, and amitriptyline.

Section II. PROVISIONS:

- A. 18 years of age or older.
- B. Resident of Texas.
- C. Capable of making and communicating health care decisions for themselves.
- D. If either physician believes the patient's judgment is impaired by a psychiatric or psychological disorder (such as depression), the patient must be referred for a psychological examination.
- E. Diagnosed with a terminal illness that will lead to death within six months.
- F. Patient must have lived in the state for over a year.
- G. Forms of proof include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Texas Driver License
  - b. Lease agreement or property ownership document showing that the patient rents or owns property in Texas
  - c. Texas tax return
- H. Physicians are able to decide whether to participate in the law.
- I. If the patient's physician does not participate in the law, they must find another M.D. or D.O. licensed to practice medicine in Texas who is willing to participate.
- J. It is up to the physician to determine the prescription.
- K. The law does not include any oversight or regulation that is distinct from what is done for other medical care.
- L. A patient can rescind a request at any time and in any manner.

Referred to Health and Human Services C

FS001

- M. Individual insurers determine whether the procedure is covered under their policies.
- N. A physician prescribes a lethal dose of medication to a patient, but the patient administers the medication. DDMP or DDMA is the medication that will be used.
- O. Direct costs for participation in the DWDA might include office visits relating to the request, a psychological consult, and the cost of the prescription.
- P. The medication must be dispensed by a compounding pharmacy

Section III. PENALTIES:

Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

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

Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:

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Author: **Aleeza Hussain**  
 YMCA: Plano Family YMCA

YMCA Delegation: **Liberty High School**  
 HB/SB/Hyde/HJR/SJR/DJYG

**A BILL  
 TO BE ENTITLED**

An act regarding the improvement of health care in all Texas immigration detention centers and declaring an emergency

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

Section I. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Health care- the organized provision of medical care to individuals or a community.
  - a. Medical care- professional treatment for illness or injury
- B. Immigration Detention Center- center holding individuals suspected of visa violations, illegal entry or unauthorised arrival, and those subject to deportation and removal in detention until a decision is made by immigration authorities to grant a visa and release them into the community, or to repatriate them to their country of departure.
  - a. Visa violations- violation of the terms and conditions of an alien's specific nonimmigrant status as set forth in relevant regulations
  - b. Illegal entry- act of foreign nationals arriving in or crossing the borders into a country in violation of its immigration law
  - c. Unauthorised arrival- a person who has arrived in a country of which they are not a citizen and does not have a valid visa or does not satisfy other required conditions for entry to that country
  - d. Deportation- the action of deporting a foreigner from a country
  - e. Immigration authorities- the authorities or official government bodies who regulate laws regarding immigration and immigrants
  - f. Repatriate- send (someone) back to their own country
- C. Influenza vaccine- vaccines that protect against infection by influenza viruses.
  - a. Influenza virus- a contagious viral infection that attacks your respiratory system
  - b. Infection- invasion of an organism's body tissues by disease-causing agents
- D. Clinician- a doctor having direct contact with and responsibility for patients, rather than one involved with theoretical or laboratory studies
- E. Non-disclosure agreement- a contract by which one or more parties agree not to disclose confidential information that they have shared with each other as a necessary part of doing business together.
- F. Clinical independence- the processes under which individual physicians have the freedom to exercise their professional judgment in the care and treatment of their patients without undue or inappropriate influence by outside parties or individuals.
- G. Independent health oversight body- A body incharge over overseeing health and/or healthcare.
- H. Immigrant- a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.

Section II. PROVISIONS:



- A. All detention centers must administer influenza vaccines to migrants who consent and who meet the requirements needed for said vaccines
- B. All clinicians will have total clinical independence in caring for patients
  - a. Health care providers will not be allowed to sign non-disclosure agreements that prevent them from discussing the center's health and hygiene conditions
- C. All clinician's employed will be from independent medical associations or non-profit organizations instead of providers hired by the Texas government or a government contractor
- D. An independent health oversight body must exist in all centers to monitor preventive and therapeutic care, to assess facility standards and providers' ability to deliver care in the facilities, and to make recommendations—and these reports must be publicly available
- E. Detention centers may not deny medical care to any migrant in need of it
- F. All medical personnel must follow up on symptoms that require attention and all medication needs within 1-5 days of the diagnosis
- G. Medical personnel may not practice beyond the scope of their licenses and expertise

Section III. PENALTIES:

- A. If detention centers fail to administer influenza vaccines to migrants held in their care:
  - a. First offense- fine of 2,000 dollars
  - b. Second offense- fine of 4,000 dollars
  - c. Third and further offense- an increase in 2,000 with each further offense
- B. If non-disclosure agreements are given to healthcare providers preventing them from discussing the center's health and hygiene conditions then the disclosure will be invalidated and the detention center will be fined 2,000 dollars
- C. If clinician's employed are hired by the Texas government or a government contractor then those clinicians will be removed from the facility and replaced by those from independent medical associations and/or non-profit organizations
- D. If detention centers fail to hire an independent health oversight body:
  - a. First offense- a warning will be given
  - b. Second offense- a fine of 4,000 dollars
  - c. Third offense- an increase in 4,000 with each further offense
- E. If a detention center denies medical care to any migrant in need of it they will be given a warning and any further offense will result in the closing of said detention center
- F. If symptoms that require attention and medication needs are not followed up within 1-5 days of the diagnosis the center will be given a warning and any further offense will result in the closing of said detention center
- G. Any medical personnel that are found to be practicing beyond the scope of their licenses and expertise will be fired immediately

Section IV. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This act shall take effect one-hundred and fifteen (115) days after the adjournment of the Youth Legislature.

Section V. REPEALER CLAUSE:



1  
2 Author: Garrett Mantzey YMCA Delegation: McKinney  
3 YMCA: McKinney City: McKinney Grade: 11th  
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8 An act limiting the sale of insulin to no more than \$25 per 30-day supply  
9 regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the person's prescription and  
10 declaring an emergency.

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12 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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14 Section I. DEFINITIONS:

15 Insulin- a prescription drug that contains insulin and is used to treat diabetes.  
16 Prescription- an instruction written by a medical practitioner that authorizes a patient to  
17 be provided a medicine or treatment.  
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19 Section II. PROVISIONS:

- 20 A. All companies selling insulin must charge no more than \$25 per 30-day supply  
21 regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the person's prescription.
- 22 B. Customers must be able to provide an authentic prescription from a healthcare  
23 worker entailing the type and amount of insulin needed.  
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25 Section III. PENALTIES:

- 26 1. First Offense- Any companies found to be charging amounts higher than \$25 for  
27 a 30-day supply of insulin will be suspended from all further insulin sales for a 30  
28 day period.
- 29 2. Second Offense- Any companies found to be charging amounts higher than \$25  
30 for a 30-day supply of insulin will be suspended from all further insulin sales for a  
31 30 day period.
- 32 3. Third Offense- Any companies found to be charging amounts higher than \$25 for  
33 a 30-day supply of insulin will be suspended from all further insulin sales for a 30  
34 day period.
- 35 4. Fourth Offense- Any companies found to be charging amounts higher than \$25  
36 for a 30-day supply of insulin will be prevented from all further insulin sales  
37 permanently.  
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**Referred to Public Safety**

**FS042**

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2 Author: Noah Olatunji YMCA Delegation: Imagine International Academy of North Texas  
3 YMCA: McKinney City: Frisco Grade: 11th  
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5 A BILL  
6 TO BE ENTITLED

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8 An act banning the act of smoking in a vehicle when a minor is present and declaring an emergency.  
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10 Be it enacted by the YMCA Youth Legislature of the State of Texas.  
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12 Section I. DEFINITIONS:

- 13 a. Minor- Anyone under the age of 18 years old  
14 b. Smoking-The action or habit of inhaling and exhaling the smoke of tobacco by sucking on the end of  
15 a lit cigarette, cigar, pipe, etc.  
16 c. Motor Vehicle-a self-propelled vehicle, commonly wheeled, that does not operate on rails and is  
17 used for the transportation of people or cargo.  
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19 Section II. PROVISIONS:

- 20 a. If a person is caught smoking in a vehicle when a child is present, they will be fined and may be  
21 punished with community service.  
22 b. An officer cannot stop a person solely based on suspicion of smoking in the car, but if they actively  
23 see someone smoking in a car with a minor, they can be stopped.  
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25 Section III. PENALTIES:

- 26 a. Initial offence- \$250  
27 b. Each following offence- additional \$75 and 1 hour of community service  
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