Model Mock Congress Bill

**1st Session**

Bill Number Assigned

Brief, one-sentence description of the proposed legislation

# H.R./S. 1234

To establish a national and community service program as an

incentive for post-secondary education.

**IN THE MOCK CONGRESS**

Insert Your State/District Name Here

**November 2014**

Sponsored by Members Representing [Name of State/District]

Repeat the description listed above

A BILL

To develop programs that enhance school safety for our children.

Lines 1&2 are the same for every bill

# *Be it enacted by the Members of the Mock Congress*

Determine what you want your bill to be called.

# *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

# SECTION 1. TITLE.

# This Act may be cited as the “National Service and Education Act of 2001.”

# SECTION 2. PURPOSES

# (1) To renew the ethic of civic responsibility in the United States;

# (2) To enble young Americans to make a sustained commitment to service by

# removing barriers to education that have been created by high education costs

# and loan indebtedness;

# (3) To replace the existing student loan programs with voluntary national

# service requirement as the primary source of federal financial aid which would

List all the purposes of your legislation in this section

# eliminate banks and loan agencies from the loan process. It would also diminish

# the size of the annual student loan defaults, currently at $3 billion per year;

# (4) To generate service to help meet human, educational, environmental, and

# public safety needs, particularly in those areas where there is a shortage of help;

# (5) To discover and encourage new leaders. The Service Corps will be

# established to accommodate national service in the following areas:

# (1) Civilian Service

# (2) Military Service.

# SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY.

If applicable: Who is eligible to benefit from your legislation? Who might receive a penalty due to your legislation?

# An individual may serve if he or she

# (1) is a high school graduate or has a G.E.D.;

# (2) is a citizen of the United States;

# (3) is between 17 and 35 years of age;

# (4) is pursuing full time undergraduate status only.

# SECTION 4. TERMS AND BENEFITS OF SERVICE.

# (1) There is a voluntary requirement for community or national service to

# repay the federal government for the vouchers for a college education;

# (2) There is no income or needs test to determine who gets the vouchers;

Further define the terms of your legislation here, if needed.

# (3) 2 full years of college = 1 year of full time community or national service for

# civilians, or 9 months active duty for military service. This can be pro-rated

# accordingly. Example: 1 full year of college = 6 months of community or

# national service;

# (4) The maximum amount of money available through these educational

# vouchers is

# (a) $6,000 per year for civilians for four years of college ($24,000 maximum.)

# (b) $5,000 per year for military personnel for four years college ($20,000

# maximum.)

If your legislation has a cost – **and most do** – state in this section from what source the required funding will come.

# (5) The participant will receive a stipend to cover living expenses while

# performing national service: $200 per week = $10,400 per year.

# SECTION 5. FUNDING

# The funding of this program will come from the replacement of the federal

# financial aid program with the national service program.

# SECTION 6. ADMINISTRATION.

# The Corporation for National Service is established to administer the National

# Service program. The Corporation shall be a Government corporation and

# shall establish qualification criteria for different types of national service

What agency or department of the federal government will be responsible for administering the legislation?

# programs for the purpose of determining whether such programs are eligible to

# receive assistance. This Corporation shall also administer the loan program.

# SECTION 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS:

# For purposes of carrying out this title, there are authorized to be appropriated

# $7.7 billion for Fiscal Year 1995, and such sums as may be necessary thereafter.

Nearly every piece of legislation has a cost associated with it. The anticipated total cost for the implementation of your legislation must accompany **every** bill. Even if you anticipate no cost, it must be stated in this section.