



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, INC.  
SPONSOR OF:  
MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS STATE

**WE DO NOT NEED THIS INSTRUCTION SHEET, JUST THE ACTUAL  
BILL**

**GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A BILL:**

You are invited to submit one (1) Bill prior to your coming to Girls State.

A form upon which to write your Bill is enclosed. We are primarily interested that you give your idea for a bit of legislation. Do not worry about details of form. Send in a bill that you can explain, sell to others, and defend against opposition.

Be guided by the following suggestions:

1. Only one idea or bit of legislation to a Bill.
2. Only legislation that pertains to the State, **not** an individual Community or the Nation.
3. Keep it simple. No more than two (2) pages, please.
4. Each Bill is for serious, effective legislation for the good of our own Commonwealth or for Girls State.
5. PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE – it is difficult to read some of the writing!
6. Your proposed Bill must be mailed to me on or before May 24, 2021

From the Bills we receive, five - seven (5-7) are chosen, edited, add to them if necessary, and then will be used for discussion in Girls State Cities and Towns and in the Senate and House of Representatives. They will also form a part of the party platform.

Please use the information below and on the next page as a format to write your bill. We prefer this to be typed, but can be neatly handwritten. Tips for Writing A Bill are on the web site.

**A BILL**

**Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts Girls State assembled that:**

**SECTION 1** *State the new policy in a brief declarative sentence, or in as few sentences as possible.*

**SECTION 2** *Define any ambiguous terms inherent in the first section.*

**SECTION 3** *Name the government agency that will oversee the enforcement of the bill along with the specific enforcement mechanism.*

**SECTION 4** *Indicate the implementation date/timeframe.*

**SECTION 5** *State that all other laws that are in conflict with this new policy shall hereby be declared null and void.*

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_



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**Please return this form to the Girls State Director with your  
Registration Form.**

A BILL (sample page)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of Massachusetts Girls State assembled that:

Section 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Section 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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Section 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Section 4 \_\_\_\_\_

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Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_