

Mock Legislative Session Assignment

Circle One: House Member Senate Member

In order to help you better understand how our government works, you will be participating in a mock legislative assignment. Our session will be modeled after the lawmaking procedures that take place here in Minnesota. You will either be a house representative member or a senator, and I get to play the governor. If you are in the house, you will select a Speaker of the House to be your leader, and if you're in the senate, you'll select a President of the Senate as your leader.

The purpose of this assignment is for you to learn firsthand how ideas become laws in Minnesota. As such, you will be required to write a bill, and maybe it will pass in both the house and senate and become law once I sign it! Of course, as is true with many bills each year, your bill may not make it through both houses and receive the my signature, or I may veto it.

Remember, bills start as ideas for completely new laws or as suggested changes to be made to old laws. Thus, you must come up with an idea for your bill that truly matters to you; what would you like to see as a new law or some change made to an old/existing law in our state? **I expect you to take this assignment seriously, and I will be checking in with you to see exactly what you have in mind when crafting your bill.**

Before you start working on your Official Bill, you **must** complete the Bill Planning sheet that was sent to you in Google Classroom. This is due by the end of class on Wednesday, 5/8.

You need to include the following when creating your Official Bill (e.g. you will be graded on these!):

- Definition/explanation of idea (20 points)_____
- Who the bill will positively affect (5 points)_____
- Who the bill will negatively affect (5 points)_____
- Approximate cost (5 points)_____
- Where the money to implement your bill will come from (5 points)_____
- Accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation matter (10 points)_____
- Submitted on or before the due date (5 points)_____
- **Total (55 points)**_____

**IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE YOUR OFFICIAL BILL ON TIME, YOU WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN OUR
MOCK LEGISLATIVE SESSION!**

When typing your bill, make sure you use the correct template; if you are in the House, use the House Template, and if you are in the Senate, use the Senate Template.

Bill Planning Sheet Due Date: Wednesday, May 8 (E.O.C.)

Official Bill Due Date: Friday, 5/10 (E.O.C.)