

Mock Legislation Planning Sheet Example

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Instructions: Fill out the following questions as completely as you can, and be ready to discuss with Governor Dallmann! **This is due at the end of class on Wednesday, 5/8!**

1. What idea do you have that you think should become a law? Be sure to explain **why** you think this is important! Remember, you can have a completely new idea, your idea can change an existing law, and you need to be as specific as you can!

I want to make a law that states everyone in MN has to wear a helmet when on a motorcycle, mini bike or 4 wheeled motor powered vehicle. I think this is important to prevent serious brain injuries and death as well as to decrease the amount of money that insurance companies spend on accidents caused by people who do not wear helmets on the machines stated above.

2. Who will your bill positively affect?

It will positively affect everyone who uses these vehicles, and it will also positively affect all people who pay for health care because not so many people will be hospitalized for serious brain trauma, and this will help lower insurance costs. It will also positively affect all of the friends and family members of those who drive the vehicles covered in this bill.

3. Who will your bill negatively affect?

This bill will negatively affect those who do not want to wear helmets because they have had the freedom to make the choice to not wear helmets up to this point. It could also negatively affect police officers who have to enforce this law as they may encounter resistance when they stop drivers not wearing helmets.

4. How much will it cost to turn your idea into a law, and where will the money come from (You will need to do some research for this question)?

The primary cost for this law will be paid for by the people who have to buy helmets. There is an up front cost to buy the helmet (roughly \$75-\$400 for DOT/ANSI approved), and there will also be fines (to be worked out before final bill is drafted) for those who do not wear helmets. There will also be a cost to inform people of this new law, and this will come from tax dollars collected in the increased license fees (to be worked out before final bill is drafted) that people who own vehicles affected by this law will need to pay.