How to Write a Bill:

Before you arrive at The American Legion Tar Heel Boys State program, you are responsible for writing a bill to submit at registration. Follow the steps listed below on How to Write a Bill and type or print your bill in the below template. You will turn this in at registration and it will be reviewed and assigned to either the House or Senate for consideration into law.

1. **Determine a Topic**
    a. Brainstorm or review newspaper headlines for topics
    b. Look at past bills, that with work, can pass
2. **Research Your Topic**
    a. Is your idea already a law? If yes, start over.
    b. Is your topic debatable?
    c. Is your topic appropriate?
3. **Drafting Your Bill**
    a. Title
    b. Enacting Clause "Be it enacted by the Tar Heel Boys' State General Assembly of the State of North Carolina to (your bill title goes here)
    c. Section I-This is the purpose of your bill. Make it brief, 2-3 sentences.
    d. Section II-This is the body. Use facts to support your bill. Include an explanation of why your bill is important.
    e. Section III-This is the funding statement. If no funding is needed, please state so.
    f. Section IV-This is the penalties. Will there be consequences for noncompliance or violating this bill?
    g. Section V-This is the effective date. Remember your bill cannot go into effect before the THBS Governor signs the bill into law. The bill can read that it is "immediately invoked upon being signed into agreement", that will cover the effective date.
4. **Points to Consider**
    a. Bill Length-we do not limit how short or long your bill is to be, but remember you want to get your bill passed.
    b. Proper Spelling and Grammar-make sure to proof read your bill
    c. Bill Conformity-make sure your bill conforms to the bill format (numbering included)
    d. Passage-Make sure your topic is one that others in your legislative body will support.

View the example resolution posted on our website (www.ncboysstate.org) if you need assistance with the format of how to write your bill. You can also ask questions by emailing Christopher Byrd at tarheelboysstate@gmail.com.

Make sure you have your resolution ready to turn in at the Tar Heel Boys State registration.

House Resolution:_____

The General Assembly of Tar Heel Boys' State

House of Representatives

The General Assembly of North Carolina Boys' State enacts a bill / resolution to

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SPONSORS (Please Print Legibly)

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House Resolution:_____

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SENATE RECOMMENDATIONS:	Gubernatorial Veto Override □ Override □ Fail President of the Senate Signature Senate Secretary Signature

President of the Senate Signature

Senate Secretary Signature

HOUSE ACTION: □ Pass □ Fail □ Sent Back w/ Recommendations	
HOUSE RECOMMENDATIONS:	Gubernatorial Veto Override □ Override □ Fail Speaker of the House Signature Chief Clerk Signature

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Chief Clerk Signature

GOVERNOR'S ACTION: □ Approve □ Veto □ Sent Back w/ Recommendations
GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Governor Signature

Chief Legislative Coordinator Signature

ALL BILLS **MUST** BE VERIFIED AND RETURNED TO THE BOYS STATE OFFICE

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