GENERAL ASSEMBLY SAMPLE BILL

Your Bill will be automatically entered into the proper format by ENGAGE - Youth in Government. You will only need to put each section's content in the appropriate text entry box when submitting the bill. Focus on the content of your Bill, rather than the formatting. However, please note that text entries will be entered into the template in the exact format in which they are submitted - be sure to proofread! Students may only submit one Bill for consideration, and each Bill can only be one page long.

Remember: All General Assembly Bills must be written on state issues (not federal).

Keep your Purpose brief. Remember, this is the only part of your Bill which cannot be amended!

Use Section 1 to define words as they relate to your Bill. For example, for the purposes of this Bill, the definition of "natural disasters" is slightly different than that found in a dictionary.

Other sections describe the Bill in more details.

The final section drafted by you for your Bill should outline consequences and enforcement, if applicable.

The final two sections are always worded exactly as shown.

Each Bill accepted for debate will be assigned a committee number.

You will use this section to track the status of the Bill as it moves through the General Assembly.

YA Oglethorpe Senate Bill 13

PURPOSE: To protect Georgians from fraudulent services and contractors in the wake of storms and other natural disasters by establishing a system for verifying contractors and enforcing post-disaster repair standards.

INTRODUCED BY:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (YOUTH ASSEMBLY) OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SAME:

Section 1. Terms in this Act shall be defined as follow: Natural disasters are events including but not limited to hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, wildfires, or other major weather-related events that result in property damage and for which a state of emergency has been declared. Contractor- a person or company that undertakes a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a service or do a job.

Section 2. Any contractor intending to provide repair or recovery services in areas affected by natural disasters must obtain a temporary post-disaster contractor's license in addition to their regular contractor's license. Post-disaster contractor licenses shall be granted for two year periods before requiring renewal.

Section 3. Eligibility for a post-disaster contractor's license includes the following qualifications: Proof of proper insurance coverage, including liability and workers compensation. A criminal background check clear of crimes related to finances or fraud. Bonding to cover incomplete or substandard work.

Section 4. A publicly available online database will be created and managed by the state which will hold information on contractors who have obtained a post-disaster contractor's license, their insurance details, and any disciplinary actions taken against them. A hotline will be provided for those without access to the internet to ensure the validity of contractors.

Section 5. Continuing to perform contractor duties without a valid post-disaster contractor's license will result in a misdemeanor punishable by up to twelve months in prison and/or a fine of up to $10,000 in addition to the suspension of any valid contractor's licenses.

Section 6. This Act shall take effect upon signature of the Youth Governor.

Section 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Assigned to Committee Number: SC1

Action in Committee:
House _____ Do Pass _____ Pass Amended _____ Do Not Pass _____
Senate _____ Do Pass _____ Pass Amended _____ Do Not Pass _____