

Bill & Proposal Development Information

A major focus for your delegation will be the development of your "bill," or legislation. Your bill will be presented in committee and, hopefully, the Senate and Assembly at the Model Government. This is what students in grades 9 - 12 who are in the legislature submit.

The following information outlines the bill development process and provides samples, forms and descriptions for you to refer to as you develop your bill. The sections are divided as follows:

How To Write A Bill

This section describes the general process of bill writing.

Bill Forms

This section includes all forms necessary to complete the bill development process. Bills must be submitted in the correct format and each bill must be accompanied by a bill supplement and bill abstract. Included with the forms are explanations about how to fill them out correctly.

No delegate will be allowed to participate without providing a bill, unless he/she is in Press Corps, Supreme Court, or an officer.

The deadline for bills will be strictly enforced! Delegates not submitting bills in time to be reviewed by the State Director will be dropped from the program.

BILL DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

Each legislative student must submit at least one bill to participate in the program.

How to write a bill...

A bill is simply draft legislation. Legislators use a special format for wording the draft so that it fits with existing laws. Writing a bill is really very simple if you know a few secrets. The next few pages reveal some of those secrets. This information needs to be shared with your students in early fall.

The most important part of writing a legislative bill is that you choose a topic that is meaningful to you. The strength of the commitment you feel toward your bill will undoubtedly influence your overall experience in YIG. Whether your interests lie in the environment, business, education, or social programs, your bill should be about something that you believe in. There are lots of people who can help you with your bill; community groups, librarians, lobbying organizations, teachers, legislators, lawyers and business owners.