

A BILL TO REEVALUATE MANDATORY MINIMUMS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED:

Section 1: A. “Mandatory minimum” refers to a judge being required to deliver a sentence to individuals convicted of a crime no less than the statutorily mandated minimum sentence, regardless of culpability and other mitigating factors.

Section 2: A. The current mandatory minimums are not effective in preventing criminals from repeating their past criminal offenses.
B. The current mandatory minimums are sometimes too extreme for the crimes that have been committed and should be more flexible depending on various circumstances.

Section 3: A. Mandatory minimums within the U.S. are overall not effective and should be reevaluated to ensure that proper time is served by criminals.

Section 4: A. All trials that are ongoing during this reevaluation will not take mandatory minimums into consideration.
B. All ongoing trial’s outcomes will be dependent on the judge’s opinion and judgement to the sentence that is given.

Section 5: A. All mandatory minimums must be reevaluated by January 1st 2019.
B. If not completed by January 1, 2019, Section 4 will be extended until all mandatory minimums are reevaluated.

Section 6: A. All laws in conflict with this legislation will hereby be declared null and void.

This Bill Presented for Debate by East Ridge High School.