

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

BILL SUMMARY

Note: This form must be completed and accompany all Bills submitted for consideration by The American Legion Boys Nation Senate.

DELEGATE NAME: George Kratz IV

DELEGATE STATE: Texas

NAME OF BILL: Mandatory Involvement in Government Service and Agencies for Citizens between the ages of 18 and 24

BRIEF SUMMARY OF BILL: A bill proposing that all U.S. citizens between 18 and 24 years of age must commit 12 months of active service to the government, or 36 months reserve service to the government.

To Be Completed By
The Clerk Of The Senate

BILL NO.

SB-32

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION SENATE

IN THE SENATE OF AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Senator **George Kratz IV** of **Texas** introduced the following Bill, which was read twice and referred to the following American Legion Boys Nation Senate Committee:

a Bill

1 That would require each citizen between the ages of 18 and 24 born in the year 1997 or earlier
2 to commit either 12 months of active service, which would entail five days a week of
3 government service for 46 weeks or 36 months of reserve service which would entail one
4 weekend every month and two consecutive weeks of government service.

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6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION SENATE ASSEMBLED, THAT

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8 All citizens starting with the birth year 1997 or earlier participate in mandatory government
9 service for either 12 months of active service or 36 months of reserve service. Citizens who opt
10 for reserve service would be limited in the agencies they could assist with, as they would be
11 limited in their training and involvement. Citizens who opt for active duty service would have a
12 wider selection of government agencies, and would commit 46 out of the 52 weeks to spending
13 5 days a week in service to the government. Mandatory service would not be limited to strictly
14 military service. Citizens required to commit service would be able to select from a number of
15 government jobs, not just military service. A committee would determine the possible jobs.
16 Reserve citizens would have fewer options, as their possible training time would be more
17 limited than the active category citizens. Citizens who elect to attend college prior to starting
18 mandatory service would be able to choose from more jobs and potentially begin lifelong
19 careers and government service. This bill would help fill jobs that are understaffed, as well as
20 providing experience, service to the nation, and potential careers. Citizens would, starting with
21 the birth year 1997 or younger, be required before their 24th birthday, but no earlier than the
22 age of 18, start their mandatory service. The benefits of this service as touched upon earlier, is
23 to help staff jobs, provide experience, potential careers, community service, further patriotism,

24 and help to instill values and work ethic into younger citizens. Citizens who are undertaking this
25 mandatory service would be paid a salary that would be determined by the same committee
26 that evaluated which jobs are available to work in accordance with current government pay
27 scales.