

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

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

DELEGATE NAME: Thomas DeMag

DELEGATE STATE: Vermont

NAME OF RESOLUTION: A resolution relating to expanding the standardized tests accepted with college admissions

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION: This resolution will purpose that all colleges and universities accept one national common core test as well as, or in replacement of, traditional admissions tests such as ACT, or SAT.

To Be Completed By
The Clerk Of The Senate

RESOLUTION NO.

SR-11

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION SENATE

IN THE SENATE OF AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Senator **Thomas DeMag** of **Vermont** introduced the following Resolution, which was read twice and referred to the following American Legion Boys Nation Senate Committee:

a Resolution

1 to allow a common core test to be used on college applications

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

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6 All colleges and Universities across America should begin to accept not just traditional
7 assessment tests such as SAT, and ACT, but a common core test as well.

8 All across America, each state or region has its own common core test that they use to help
9 evaluate how their school is doing. They use the data collected to figure out why they need to
10 work on, and what they are good at, compared to other schools either state, or nation wide.
11 These tests include common assessment content such as Math, English, Science, Reading,
12 and Writing. Most of these same subjects are present on the ACT, SAT, and other tests that
13 college admission offices accept when receiving college applications.

14 During the junior year of high school, kids are pushed to take AP classes, and those who
15 choose to do so, usually end up taking the AP Exam in May/June. A lot of juniors also
16 participate in SAT, ACT, and Subject tests, in order to have those scores to complete their
17 college application process. Common core tests are given out to juniors at all schools as well.
18 These standardized tests take on average, about 5 hours a piece to complete. AP exams take
19 up to 3 hours. Common core test length varies based on the exact test, but each common core
20 test takes hours as well. Juniors are put through a lot of hours of testing, only to be able to use
21 some of the scores to their benefit.

22 There should be one common core test given nation wide, that can be used to asses and
23 compare the progress of students and schools either county, state, or nation wide. This test

24 would consist of Math, English, Reading, Writing, and Science; just like all other standardized
25 tests. After assigning a committee to draft this test, each state would be required to adopt, and
26 implement it in their schools.

27 Most kids in America don't put their best effort into their schools common core assessments
28 because they know that it does nothing for them, and the results are used as an assessment of
29 how the teachers and school are doing.

30 If colleges let these common core test scores be used in the application process, the students
31 would be more motivated to do well on them, knowing there is an incentive behind it. This
32 would result in more accurate results for the teachers and school systems to use, and could
33 potentially save high school students a lot of time, not having to deal with taking 5 different
34 types of tests with the same content, for different purposes.

35 If students are allowed to use this common core test, they would still have the option to
36 conduct the other standardized tests, but they would not be required to.