



Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago

2010 Illinois Youth Summit

Proposed Focus Issues

1. Change the Illinois Three-Strikes law to permit judges to modify the mandatory life sentence.
2. Create a student loan repayment program that forgives one year of public college debt for every year worked in public service, military service, or national service.
3. Enact a law committing Illinois to fund public education before all other state programs.
4. Enact an Illinois Responsible Bystander law under which persons have a reasonable duty to report serious crimes.
5. Limit the ability of schools to punish students for off-campus blogging.
6. Mandate schools to adopt mandatory composting and recycling programs for food and organic waste.
7. Provide undocumented high school students the opportunity to gain permanent resident status if they qualify to attend college or serve in the armed forces.
8. Repeal the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) that defines marriage as one man and one woman.
9. Repeal the zero tolerance Gun Free School Act which requires a mandatory one-year expulsion from school for any student who brings a firearm to school.
10. Require schools to list the ingredients, nutrients, and calories per serving for each item served in the cafeteria.
11. Revise the USA PATRIOT Act by limiting the power of the FBI to issue national security letters only when specific facts show that the requested information has a reasonable connection to a foreign power or foreign agent.
12. Revise youth sentencing to prohibit life imprisonment without parole.

Only registered classes can vote to determine the final three focus issues for the 2010 Summit. The registration deadline is **November 25**. Apply at http://www.crfc.org/pdf/summit10_app.pdf. Contact Dee Runaas at 312/63-9057x208 or runaas@crfc.org for more information.