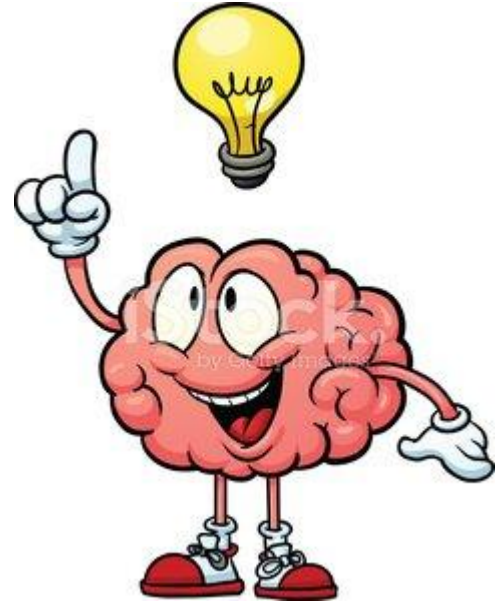


# How to Write a Bill

# What is a bill?

A bill starts as an idea.

A bill goes through many steps before it can become a law.



# Brainstorm and Research

Think carefully - review newspaper headlines for inspiration.

Your bill can be something that affects people in the entire Tar Heel Girls State, or something that would benefit a specific area or group of people.

Is your topic debatable and appropriate?



# Your bill should fall into one of the following categories:

- Education
- Crime and Public Safety
- Government Affairs
- Health and Welfare
- Transportation and Highway Safety
- Urban and Rural Planning
- Water and Natural Resources



# Bill writing procedures

- Writing your bill will take a little time and thought
- Must follow a structure
- It should be 1 page
- Use the Google Doc template provided on the website.
- Make a copy of the template, type your bill, and share it with:  
[alathgsgovernment@gmail.com](mailto:alathgsgovernment@gmail.com)



# Writing your bill

Title

“Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of American Legion Auxiliary Tar Heel Girls State That:”

Section 1: Bill Purpose - 1-2 sentences

Section 2: Body - Use facts to support your bill. Explain why your bill is important.

Section 3: Funding - Who will pay?

Section 4: Reporting - How will you ensure the law is being followed?

Section 5: Penalties

Section 6: Effective Date - Upon signature of Governor



GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF TAR HEEL GIRLS STATE  
2018 SESSION

HOUSE BILL # 19 (Public)  
Chamber

Short Title: Graduation Cards For the Tar Heel Girls State  
Participants

Sponsors: Economic Development

Referred to: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1  
2 AN ACT TO Provide The Option For Tar Heel Girls State Participants  
3 to Purchase Graduation Cards to Honor Their Time at Girls State

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5 The General Assembly of Tar Heel Girls State enacts:

6 Section 1. The Tar Heel Girls State should provide its participants  
7 the opportunity to purchase graduation cards upon their registration  
8 for girls state. The cards will then be ordered by American Legion  
9 Auxiliary Tar Heel Girls State and will be sent through the mail to the  
10 participant at a later date. The delivery date should be no later than  
11 May 1<sup>st</sup> of every year.

12 Section 2. The graduation cards will be the Blue (Light Blue) / Gold-  
13 Two Color Tassel from Honors Graduation LLC, which sells the cards for  
14 six dollars and charges four dollars and ninety-eight cents for shipping. The  
15 total cost should be ten dollars and ninety-eight cents.

## Next Steps:

- Once you have completed your bill, share it with or email it to:  
[ALATHGSGovernment@gmail.com](mailto:ALATHGSGovernment@gmail.com)
- Your bill will be given to the senators and representatives elected at ALA Tar Heel Girls State for consideration.
- If it is passed by both houses, it will be forwarded to the Governor to be signed into law or vetoed.

