

## Legislative Essay Contest

June 6, 2017

- ❖ Subject: California Senate Bill SB-185 (Crimes: infractions. 2017-2018) is currently being debated and voted in California Senate. Assuming you are a California State Legislator, will you support the bill or oppose it? Why? Please do your own research and write an essay to support your decision. Please clearly list out your references.
- ❖ Resource:  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180SB185](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB185)
- ❖ Participant: K-12 San Diego Local School Students.
- ❖ Requirement:  
Varsity Level: 500 – 800 words (not including reference lines)  
Booster Level: Less than 500 words (not including reference lines)
- ❖ Time line:  
Deadline for submission: August 31, 2017. Email to: [Contest@sdaafe.org](mailto:Contest@sdaafe.org)
- ❖ Judges:  
Essays will be judged by local political leaders. (Candidate Judges: City Council member Chris Cate's office, Debate Teacher Caleb Moore, and others)
- ❖ Awards:  
Best essay writers on both sides of the argument will be awarded with generous prizes by SDAAFE. The award certificates will be issued by Congressman Scott Peters' office.
  - Monetary awards for top Varsity Level essays (of opinions on both sides of the argument): \$300 for top essays; \$200 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place essays; \$100 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place essays.
  - Trophy awards for top Booster Level essays.
  - Winning essays will be published on SDAAFE website to honor participating students, although they will not represent SDAAFE opinions.
  - Winners will have the opportunity to participate in the Legislative Debate Contest (to be announced).
  - Participant's effort will count as volunteer hours at SDAAFE.

## Legislative Essay Contest Application Form

<b>Student Name</b>	
<b>School Name</b>	
<b>Grade Number</b>	
<b>Birth Date (Month &amp; Yr)</b>	
<b>Student Phone No.</b>	
<b>Home Address</b>	
<b>Parent Name</b>	
<b>Parent Email Address</b>	
<b>Parent Phone No.</b>	
<b>Student Signature</b>	
<b>Parent/Legal Guardian Signature</b>	
<b>Disclaimer</b>	<p>By signing above, the above named student and his/her parent/Legal Guardian agree to release copyright of his/her essay to SDAAFE, and approves to let SDAAFE publish his essay on SDAAFE's website or other SDAAFE publications where SDAAFE sees appropriate</p>