

# The Refugee Assistance Act of 2016 (L13)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** In order to help respond to the Middle East refugee crisis, the United  
3 States will:

4 A. Provide 500 million dollars to the 2016 United Nations' Humanitarian  
5 Response Plan for Syria.

6 B. Provide 250 million dollars annually for each of the next 5 years to  
7 Lebanon, Jordan, and Turkey each.

8 **SECTION 2.** The money provided to individual countries must be spent to improve the  
9 lives of refugees, through methods such as (but not limited to) providing  
10 public services, food, shelter, or schools in refugee camps or resettling  
11 refugees in the general population.

12 **SECTION 3.** USAID will oversee the distribution of funds.

13 A. The US House Committee on Armed Services will reallocate funding  
14 for this legislation from the Department of Defense to USAID.

15 B. USAID will monitor and track the money it provides and ensure that it  
16 is used to care for refugees, and aid can be suspended if the money  
17 meant to assist countries in handling the influx of refugees is being  
18 used for other purposes not approved of by this Congress.

19 **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall take effect three months from passage.

20 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

*Introduced for Congressional Debate by Asheville High School.*