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## Proposal # 21

## Proposed by Spain

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**Action on Proposal** 

City: Louisville

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An act to create an incentive/investment program to reduce the dropout rate of students.

## Be it hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the United Nations

Justification Clause: Due to a contracting economy resulting in a 25% unemployment rate, Spain's economic issues have had a significant negative impact on the economic stability of the European Union and the rest of the world. One major contributing factor to the down turn in Spain's economy is the skyrocketing dropout rate among high school students. Almost half of Spanish students drop out before completing their junior year, with another 25 to 30% dropping out before completing their senior year. This situation results in a population that is not adequately educated before entering the workforce, contributing to higher unemployment and lower national productivity.

Section I: Contributing factors to the high dropout rate include a lack of libraries, computing resources, low involvement in student academic life, and a high workload. To combat these issues, an investment program to build a combination of libraries and computing centers will be instituted. In addition, incentive program will be started to provide a stipend to students while they remain in school.

Section II: It is estimated that 60 libraries equipped with computer labs will need to be modernized or newly built countrywide. At a cost of approximately \$3 million each, this will likely cost a total of \$180 million. These construction projects will also help alleviate the local unemployment.

Section III: The incentive program will include a stipend awarded to 5,000 students nationwide. At a \$1000 per student, the total cost of this program would be \$5 million.