



Senate Resolution

Senate Resolution #: 28

Sponsored by: Latham

Whereas: Florida State University faces the potential tragedy of losing members of our community and during the 2017-2018 academic year we lost a member of our community, Andrew Coffey, and

Whereas: HB 727 was filed in the Florida House of Representatives by Representative LaMarca and SB 1080 has been introduced to the Florida Senate by Senator Book, and

Whereas: HB 727 and SB 1080 states that a person may not be prosecuted if certain conditions are met by granting immunity to the first person to call 911 seeking medical attention for a hazing victim, and

Whereas: Florida's current Law on Hazing, the Chad Meredith Act was signed into effect on July 1, 2005, and

Whereas: The Coffey family stated that current Florida anti-hazing law "is probably one of the best in the country and we're just trying to enhance the existing statute and make it stronger, make it better, so Andrew never happens again", and

Whereas: University Communications stated in the context of HB 727 that Florida State University "fully supports strengthening anti-hazing laws, and this is consistent with the university's many efforts to prevent such tragedies in the future", and

Whereas: Florida State University believes "no student should be harmed, demeaned, and/or put at any safety risk while joining, during membership, or after membership of any student organization, club, group, or university entity", therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-first Student Senate the Florida State University that: The Florida State University Student Government Association stands in strong support of HB 727 & SB 1080 urges the Florida Legislature to pass this bill to enhance student life, safety, and learning in the State of Florida, and

Be it resolved by the Seventy-first Student Senate the Florida State University that: HB 727 & SB 1080 is added to the 2019 Legislative Agenda.

Be it further resolved that:

a copy of this resolution is sent to:

Office of Governmental Affairs Director

Student Body President

Kathy Mears, FSU Chief Legislative Affairs Officer

Amy Hecht, Vice President of Student Affairs

John Thrasher, President of Florida State University

Chip LaMarca, Florida State Representative – District 93

Lauren Book, Florida State Senator – District 32

OFFICIALS: _____

Student Senate President

Director of Student Governance & Advocacy

SENATE VOTE: 44-0-1

PASSED: 28TH OF MARCH, 2019