



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

73RD STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 28.

Primary Sponsor: Little and Marcus

Co-Sponsor(s): Soto, Rodriguez, Stults, Murcia, Lessard, Flashman, Ramos, Randall

Whereas: On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, State Senator Dennis Baxley introduced SB 86 entitled "Student Financial Aid," and

Whereas: The Bill will limit Bright Futures Scholarships and financial aid for students who major in things arbitrarily deemed by the Board of Governors as "not leading directly to employment", and

Whereas: The Bill also promotes the restriction of Bright Futures funding for individuals who come into their undergraduate careers with credits earned from "articulated acceleration mechanisms" such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, AICE, Dual Enrollment, etc., and

Whereas: The Sponsor of the Bill is a Florida State University Alumnus with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and sociology and understands that students major in Liberal Arts to prepare themselves for professional higher education programs including but not limited to Law School and Medical School, and

Whereas: Over 111,900 students across the state of Florida received Bright Futures Scholarships totaling over \$618 million in the 2019-2020 Academic Year, and

Whereas: Over 800,000 students have been able to pursue their academic dreams and attend college within the State of Florida via the Bright Futures Scholarship, and

Whereas: The Bright Futures Scholarship is funded by the Florida Lottery, an organization that was specifically started to fund and enhance the educational opportunities for Floridian Students, and

Whereas: This Bill is harmful to students in the Arts, the Liberal Arts, and students in other majors and programs on our campus that are arbitrarily deemed to "not [lead] directly to employment", therefore

Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that: The FSU SGA Senate believes our constituents have the freedom and the power to decide upon a major that best suits their future career interests without interference from the government.

Be it further resolved that: The FSU SGA Senate thanks our colleagues in the Office of Governmental Affairs for advocating against this Bill and encourages them to further advocate on the behalf of students against this Bill.

Be it further resolved that: The FSU SGA Senate believes this Bill will produce extra and unnecessary work on our University's employees including administrators and advisors.

Be it further resolved that: The FSU SGA Senate condemns this bill and encourages the State Senate and the State House to prevent this infringement on student freedoms from becoming law.

Be it lastly resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:

John Thrasher, President of Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Kyle Clark, Vice President for Finance & Administration
Jonathan Levin, Student Body President
Emmabella Rudd, Director of OGA Board of Directors
Dennis Baxley, State Senator, 12th District
Sydney Kitson, Director, The Florida Board of Governors
Ed Burr, Chair, Florida State University Board of Trustees
Zachary Bethel, Editor in Chief, FSView
Debbie Mayfield, Florida Senate Majority Leader

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Student Senate President

PASSED: March 17th, 2021