

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Decision to Veto Senate Bill 3

February 17th, 2022 — By the authority vested in me as Student Body President of the Florida State University, under the provisions of Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Student Body, I do hereby veto and transmit my objections to Senate Bill 3, passed during the 74th Session of the Student Senate of the Florida State University Student Government Association, in the year 2022:

Revision to the Student Body Statutes § 805.3 and 805.4;

"To amend statutes to grant the Finance Committee the authority to place limitations on funding SGA entities or Registered Student Organizations that commit egregious violations of the Finance Code and to make minor adjustments to the process for the restriction of funds"

It is my view and the view of the Executive Branch of this Student Government that Senate Bill 3 enforces unduly punitive measures that negatively affects the funding process for registered student organizations on campus. These proposed changes may restrict an organization's ability to receive funding for up to a period of two-years. This could prove fatal to the success of an organization that relies on funding from the Student Government Association. Additionally, as student-led organizations, I find it likely that there may be entirely new leadership within an organization within a two-year period, possibly punishing an organization that has no members responsible for the actions leading to the enforced punishment.

As student-led organizations, we must ensure that we are conducive to a learning lab environment where mistakes are able to be rectified, and organizations are not disparaged from applying for funding in fear of retributive action.

In the State of Florida, Student Governments are granted some of the highest autonomy and independence from institutional influence and control. This allows us to aspire and achieve amazing results and success as student leaders. However, with these responsibilities and freedoms given to us, we must respect and recognize the importance of having a fair system, that is accessible to all, and does not discriminate against those who may be new to the intricate processes we are familiar with.

Therefore, it is my determination that this legislation would be detrimental to our Student Government and the many registered student organizations on campus.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Senate Bill 3 and do hereby veto the Bill.

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