

74th STUDENT SENATE

Senate Bill #: 67
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A revision to the Student Body Statutes

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SEVENTY FOURTH STUDENT SENATE THAT:

A revision is made to the Student Body Statutes §900.1, 900.2, 900.3, 900.4 (See attached).

To amend the statute to Establish Regulations on the Formation and Operation of Bureaus in Order to Ensure Tangible Outcomes by Student Government Bureaus.

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Referred to Committee: Internal Affairs, Judiciary, and Rules & Calendar

Committee Report: Passed in: Internal Affairs 07/12, Judiciary 07/14., Rules & Calendar 07/15

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CERTIFIED TO THE STUDENT BODY

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Section 1. Student Body Statutes §900.1-5 are amended to read:

900.1 Creation and Purpose

A. This act shall be called the "Student Government Association Executive Bureau Act of 1991", hereinafter referred to as the "Executive Branch Act".

The amendments to this act, as it relates to the creation of bureaus requiring tangible outcomes, be called the "Taking Ownership for Restoring Concrete and Hard-working Bureaus Act of 2022", hereinafter referred to as the "TORCH Act of 2022".

B. Purpose

To clearly define and delineate the nature of the student body support services known as bureaus and to distinguish them from other administrative units within the Student Government Association.

C. Scope

This act shall become, upon its enactment, fully binding. All entities discussed shall be subject to the provisions contained herein as well as all relevant legislation.

900.2 Definitions

- A. Bureau: A bureau is an administrative division of the Executive Branch created as a direct support service for the student body as a whole and is responsible for educating, representing, and facilitating programming, and providing tangible outcomes in areas deemed of exceptional importance to the Student Body. for special interest groups
- B. Tangible: Any outcome that provides real resources, opportunities, and value for members of the Student Body, as a whole. General advocacy on behalf of a specific interest group, in the absence of providing real outcomes or opportunities to the Student Body, in not tangible, as it relates to the contents of this Title.

900.3 Creation

- A. Student Government Association bureaus are created in bill form, as additions to the Student Body Statutes, Title IX Student Government Association Executive Bureaus. Each bureau shall have its own chapter within Title IX.
- B. The bill shall contain information of the Bureau's title, purpose, internal organizational structure, and a clear outline of what the Bureau's service or function is for the student body.
- C. <u>Upon introduction, the bill shall be referred to the Internal Affairs</u>

 <u>Committee for analysis as to the function, purpose, and future needs of the proposed bureau, as well as whether the proposed bureau can provide</u>

tangible outcomes to the Student Body. This analysis shall be completed by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, with consultation from their members, in the form of a report issued no later than ten (10) school days after the bill is given a first reading. Only upon publication of the report, or the expiration of the ten (10) school days, may the Internal Affairs Committee consider the bill. Should the report not find there to be any tangible outcomes, the bill shall only pass the Internal Affairs Committee with a two-thirds (2/3) vote. The bill shall also be referred to the Student Senate Finance Committee to determine financial feasibility, the Student Senate Judiciary Committee to review statutory compliance, and any other Senate standing committee pursuant to Senate Rules of Procedure.

- D. Upon creation, SGA bureaus shall be incorporated into the organizational structure of the Student Government Association Executive Branch and shall be immediately subject to all privileges and responsibilities inherent with bureau status.
- E. At the first election following the creation of a bureau, a binding referendum shall be placed on the ballot. The question shall be "Do you support the creation of the following Bureau: (NAME OF THE BUREAU)?" and the only voting options shall be "yes" or "no". The purpose of the bureau, as given in the bill creating this bureau, shall also be included on the ballot. Should there be a majority for "no", the bureau's statute shall be deemed as repealed and is void upon certification of the election.