



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 17

Primary Sponsor: DuChêne, Pfeuffer-Ferguson

Co-Sponsor(s): Bettley, Bowling, Diaz, Gonzalez, Little, Myers, Rivers, Russell, Wang

Whereas: This body values the dignity of all persons, and

Whereas: Both chambers of the Florida Legislature are currently moving legislation, commonly referred to as the “Don’t Say Gay” bill, to prevent “classroom discussion about sexual orientation or gender identity in primary grade levels or in a manner that is not age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students,” and

Whereas: This bill would allow, and in some cases, require school districts to “out” LGBTQ+ students to their families, and

Whereas: This bill aspires to enshrine into state law the false notion that LGBTQ+ individuals and identities are, by virtue of their existence, out of the ordinary and inappropriate for children, and

Whereas: The Trevor Project’s National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health 2021 cites that 94% of LGBTQ+ youth reported that recent politics negatively impacted their mental health, and

Whereas: The Trevor Project’s National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health 2021 cites that 42% of LGBTQ+ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, including more than half of transgender and nonbinary youth, and

Whereas: Over 115 physicians in the State of Florida have condemned this bill as dangerous to the health of Florida students, children, and families, and

Whereas: The Pride Student Union at Florida State University serves not only as a valued executive agency of the Student Government Association, but as a safe community space and resource for LGBTQ+ students on Florida State University’s campus, **therefore**

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that: the passage of Florida House Bill 1557, Florida Senate Bill 1834, or any bill that aims to ban the discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity from the classroom, is antithetical to the values of our institution and is condemned in the strongest possible terms.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Richard McCullough, President, the Florida State University
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Sierra Turner, Director of the Office of Student Equity & Inclusion
Tiffany Karnisky, MSW, Associate Director for Family Services
Clay Ingram, Florida State University Chief Legislative Affairs Officer
Nastassia Janvier, Student Body President
Colby Thykadavil, Student Body Vice President
Brienne Basdeo, SGA Executive Branch Secretary of Diversity & Equity
Marcus Williams, SGA Executive Branch Secretary of Inclusion
Bella Ocasio, Director, the Pride Student Union at Florida State University

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Abriel Hunter

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Student Senate President

**SENATE VOTE: 27-0-3
PASSED: March 2nd, 2022**

