

TENATIVE SGA Bill 04-10-F

A Bill to amend Article VII of the SGA Bylaws relative to senator hours.

- Whereas:** The 72nd Congress determined that there was a problem with senators agreeing to help with events, but failing to execute such agreement;
- Whereas:** The 72nd congress responded to the problem by passing regulations and punishments for the failure of senators to meet their commitments;
- Whereas:** There is some concern that the regulations established by the 72nd congress are too rigid; and
- Whereas:** Adding reasonable defenses to the regulations established by the 72nd congress would allow a more fair and flexible application of reasonable jurisprudence by the Internal Affairs Committee.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 73rd CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: Article VII, Section 2 of the SGA Bylaws is amended by striking eliminating the section completely and inserting the following:

“**Section 2:** If a senator has signed up for an event, they are required to provide a 24-hour notice if they are no longer able to fulfill their commitment. Failure to provide appropriate notice after the 24-hour deadline will result in a reduction of senate hours equal to those he/she volunteered to work. Email notification must be sent to the Executive Vice President notifying them of their absence.

- A. The following are a list of reasonable defenses for failing to notify of the inability of a senator to meet his/her commitment.
 1. Hospitalization with note from a physician.
 2. Death of a family member.
 3. Any other defense deemed reasonable by the Internal Affairs Committee.
- B. The senator may choose to find a replacement to avoid a reduction of senate hours. The Executive Vice President must be notified of the change by both senators. In the event that the replacement senator does not show up he/she will be subject to the same deduction of senate hours.
- C. After three violations of this policy, the senator will be up for impeachment and will have to go before the Internal Affairs Committee.”

Section 2: This bill shall take immediate effect upon passage by the 73rd Congress.

Sponsored by: Senator Slater

Senator Beecher

Senator Burks

Senator Cosby

Senator Hephner

Senator Holt

Senator McCarthy

Senator McHughes

Senator Mewborn

Senator Stephens

Senator Wood

Speaker of the Senate

SGA President

VP of Student Affairs