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The University of Alabama
21st Student Senate 2016-2017

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**AN ACT TO MAKE ATTENDANCE MANDATORY FOR HIGHER
EDUCATION DAY**

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association assembled.

Section 1. Findings of the Senate- Senate finds the following

1. The mission of the University of Alabama Student Government Association is for students to serve students and;
2. One of the most impactful way that students may serve their peers is by advocating for improved policies from the Alabama State Legislature that determine the quality of higher education in our state;
3. Attendance for Higher Education Day has always been encouraged but never been formally made mandatory for all members of the Student Government Association.
4. Increased representation would have stronger influence on the state legislators who will meet with the students advocating for more positive change that would benefit ALL students.

Section 2. All members of the Student Government Association will be required to attend the 2017 Higher Education Day on February 23rd, 2017. All students may receive a valid absence notification and proof of attendance for their classes from Director of Student Governance & Citizenship Dr. Mary Lee Caldwell and their respective professors ahead of time. Students that are unable to attend must formally send a reasonable excuse, as deemed by Dr. Mary Lee Caldwell, to the Executive Secretary no later than one week before Higher Education Day. Senators and First Year Councilors who do not attend Higher Education Day and fail to provide a reasonable excuse will receive an unexcused absence. Members of the Executive Branch will be required to perform two additional office hours the following week if they fail to attend Higher Education Day.

Section 3. Copies of this bill shall be sent to the following: Lillian Roth, Student Government Association; Ben Leake, Student Government Association Executive Vice President; Braden Morell, Student Government Association Vice President of External Affairs, Haley Loflin, Student Government Association Attorney General; Grayson Everett, Student Government Association Director of Communications; Director of Student Governance & Citizenship Dr. Mary Lee Caldwell, Student Government Association Adviser; The Crimson White Media Group