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**SYLLABUS BANK ADVERTISEMENT ACT**

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

**Section 1. Findings**

- A. Transparency during the class registration process can help increase both academic performance and overall satisfaction for both students and faculty members. By utilizing the right resources, students can more effectively weigh options and choose the class that fits their expectations and needs.
- B. Several schools have programs that allow for students to preview course syllabi so that they may have a more informed class registration process.
- C. The University of Alabama Office of Institutional Research and Assessment maintains a compilation of all past syllabi.
- D. Many, if not most, students on campus are not aware of this database of old syllabi.

**Section 2. Legislation**

The SGA will be responsible for launching a campaign to inform students of the Syllabi Database on the website of the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment  
The link to the database will be put on the SGA Website  
The Senate encourages The Academic Affairs Cabinet to work on this project, and the Senate requests that the Academic Affairs Cabinet will issue a report to the Senate Academic Affairs Chair on progress no later than two school weeks (10 days of instruction) after the first day of registration/course selection for the Fall 2017 semester on what steps have been taken to inform students of the database.  
This Act expires upon the first day of class of the Spring 2018 semester unless renewed by the SGA Senate.

**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; Jordan Forrest, Student Government Association Vice President of Academic Affairs Emily Cerrina, Haley Loflin, Student Government Association Attorney General; Grayson Everett, Student Government Association Director of Communications; Sara Oswalt, Student Government Association Director of Media Relations; Dr. Mary Lee Caldwell, Student Government Association Adviser; The Crimson White Media Group