

BILL B-02-16
The University of Alabama
21st Student Senate 2016-2017

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**A BILL TO REPEAL DISCRIMINATORY DRESS CODE PROVISIONS IN
THE SGA CODE OF LAWS**

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

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

Chapter 604.3 of the SGA Code of Laws establishes the Senate’s formal dress code for all Senate meetings and all special sessions of the Senate.

Chapters 604.3.2-3 define the Senate’s formal dress code across heteronormative gender lines, and additionally exclude individuals wearing religious attire from its definition.

The aforementioned sections of the SGA Code of Laws not only violate the letter and spirit of the constitutional protections of the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and equal protection, but also disregard the Capstone Creed’s pledge to “promote equity and inclusion.”

Section 2. Amendments to the Code of Laws Regarding Formal Senate Dress Code

Chapter 604.3 of the Student Government Association Code of Laws shall be amended as follows:

Chapter 604.3 Formal Senate Dress Code

Chapter 604.3.1 Senators must wear business attire for all formal Senate meetings and all special sessions of the Senate.

~~Chapter 604.3.2 Business attire for men is hereby defined as the wearing of a suit, or a combination of a sport coat, tie, slacks, and dress shirt, accompanied by dress shoes.~~

~~Chapter 604.3.3 Business attire for women is hereby defined as a business suit, pant suit, skirt with blouse, or dress, accompanied by dress shoes.~~

Chapter 604.3.4.2 The requirement of business attire shall not be construed such that it applies to proxies.

Section 3. Effective Date – This bill shall become effective upon signature of the President or otherwise becoming law.

Section 4. Copies of this bill shall be sent to the following: Lillian Roth, Student Government Association President; Ben Leake, Student Government Association Executive Vice President; Sara Oswalt, Student Government Association Director of Media Relations; Grayson Everett,

Student Government Association Director of Communication; and The Crimson White Media Group.