

BILL B-05-16
The University of Alabama
21st Student Senate 2016-2017

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Co-Sponsors: Speaker of the Senate Lance McCaskey, Senate Parliamentarian Michael Cervino, and Senator Claire Moeller

**A BILL TO AMEND THE INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF
RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

- A. Chapter 602.2.6 states that “[a]fter receiving its first reading, the Speaker of the Senate shall then assign it to one or more committees for further review.”
- B. The word *shall* is a modal verb that requires a specific action.
- C. An absolute requirement for Resolutions to be assigned to a committee frustrates the Senate’s ability to express its collective sentiment in time-sensitive matters.
- D. If a Senator believes that a Resolution requires review by one or more committees, the Senator may make a motion to commit as permitted by Robert’s Rules of Order.

Section 2. Amendments to the Code of Laws Regarding Resolutions

Chapter 602.2.6 of the Student Government Association Code of Laws shall be amended as follows:

Chapter 602.2.6 After receiving its first reading, the Speaker of the Senate ~~shall~~ **may** then assign it to one or more committees for further review.

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; Haley Loflin, Student Government Association Attorney General; and *The Crimson White Media Group*.