A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS TO INCLUDE A CHAPTER ON LOBBY BOARD AND THE SELECTION PROCESS

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

Section 1. Findings:

A. In the SGA Code of Laws or Constitution, there is no mention of the Lobby Board
B. There needs to be a clear outline of what the Lobby Board is and how the members are selected.
Section 2. Legislation:

Chapter 1400- Lobby Board

1306.1 Lobby Board shall be organized by one (1) or more officials in the SGA External Affairs Cabinet, hereafter to be referred to as the Director(s) of Lobby Affairs.

1306.2 Lobby Board shall be a non-partisan group of The University of Alabama students and have the following goals:

1306.2.1 Advocate for higher education and funding thereof alongside the Director(s) of Higher Education Day;

1306.2.2 Ensure that The University of Alabama student body is politically involved and informed and knows how to have an impact on all levels of government.

1306.3 Members of Lobby Board shall be selected through a process managed by the Director(s) of Governmental Relations.

1306.4 Members of Lobby Board shall have the following duties:

1306.4.1 Establish and remain in constant contact with one (1) or more members of the Alabama State Legislature via email, phone conversation, and in-person meetings as well as conducting Senate writing campaigns;

1306.4.1.1 Lobby Board members are expected to utilize a strong base of knowledge of higher education funding in communication with elected officials to advocate for equitable funding for The University of Alabama system from the state legislature.

1306.4.2 Work to promote civic involvement and awareness on campus as defined by the SGA President and SGA Vice President for External Affairs;

1306.4.3 Ensure that The University of Alabama students are fully aware of opportunities to fulfill their civic duties and have an impact at every level of government.
Chapter 1401- Lobby Board Selection Process

1307.1 Lobby Board Applications will be released and then closed within 10 academic school days unless there are certain instances that require the deadline be extended.

1307.2 The Executive Secretary or the Director(s) of Lobby Board shall blind all applications received for Lobby Board. The Vice President for External Affairs, along with their Director(s) of Lobby Board and, if needed, another member of the External Affairs cabinet, will review blinded applications and reduce the number to an amount appropriate for interviewing.

1307.2 Interviews shall be conducted by a committee composed of designates from the executive, legislative, and judicial branches. The designates shall be selected by the Vice President of External Affairs and the Director(s) of Lobby Board.