

1 **Associated Student Government**

2 *University of Arkansas*



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4 *ASG Senate Bill No. 8*

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12 **A Bill to Create an Exploratory Committee on Improving Culture and**
13 **Accountability within the Senate**

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15 Whereas, On January 28th, 2020, ASG Senate Bill No. 6 “A Bill to
16 Amend the Senate Standing Rules Act of 2019-2020” was
17 brought to Senate floor proposing a requirement that
18 senators write one piece of legislation per semester, and;

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20 Whereas, Heavy debate from senators and students occurred on the
21 potential effectiveness and implications of the bill, and;

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23 Whereas, The Internal Affairs Committee of the Associated Student
24 Government Senate voted to recommend to not pass the
25 aforementioned bill, and;

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27 Whereas, The Internal Affairs Committee decided the best appropriate
28 plan of action would be to create a committee to ensure that
29 the issue was properly addressed, and;

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31 Whereas, It is the duty of senators within the Associated Student
32 Government to research, write, and propose meaningful
33 legislation for the benefit of the student body.

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35 Be it therefore resolved: An ad-hoc committee will be created with the
36 goal of finding a solution to improve the
37 culture and accountability within the Senate,
38 and;

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40 Be it further resolved: This committee shall research the ways senates
41 at other benchmark institutions handle the
42 issues as described in Senate Bill No. 6, and;

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44 Be it further resolved: The committee shall also seek student opinion
45 and factor that into the report it will give, and;
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47 Be it further resolved: The committee shall be composed of seven
48 senators, one of which serves as the head of the
49 committee, and;
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51 Be it further resolved: This committee shall not interfere with any
52 other obligations in committees related to the
53 Associated Student Government, and;
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55 Be it further resolved: Nominations for the aforementioned positions
56 will open immediately following the passage of
57 this bill and will last for two meetings, with
58 elections taking place on the day of the second
59 meeting, and;
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61 Be it further resolved: The election process shall consist of each
62 nominee giving a two-minute speech with
63 paper balloting taking place immediately after
64 the conclusion of the final speech, and;
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66 Be it further resolved: The senator who receives the most votes on the
67 election day shall serve as head of the
68 committee, and;
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70 Be it further resolved: This committee will report back to the Senate
71 on its findings by March 31st, 2020 considering
72 its findings from other senates, student
73 opinions, and ASG agents, and;
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75 Be it finally resolved: This committee will be dissolved at the end of
76 the Spring 2020 legislative session, and;
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80 Amendments: _____

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82 Vote Count: Aye 37 Nay 0 Abstentions 0

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84 Legislation Status: Passed X Failed _____ Other _____

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