

1 **Associated Student Government**
2 *University of Arkansas*

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4 *ASG Senate Resolution No. 3*



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8 **A Resolution to Allow Self Defense, CPR, and First Aid Training for**
9 **Resident Assistants**

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11 Whereas Resident Assistants currently are not trained or permitted to
12 administer CPR or First Aid to any residents, and,

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14 Whereas, The current policy concerning self-defense is to deescalate
15 the situation and walk away, where Resident Assistants are
16 unequipped to respond to a violent situation; and,

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18 Whereas, Having no training in self-defense, CPR, or First Aid;
19 Resident Assistants are authoritative nominally only and
20 unequipped to properly respond to emergency situations,
21 should physical violence ensue. According to a study
22 conducted at the University of North Texas, administering
23 CPR and First Aid training “significantly increased RA first-
24 aid efforts for residential students” (Thombs DL, Gonzalez
25 JM, Osborn CJ, Rossheim ME, Suzuki S. Resident assistant
26 training program for increasing alcohol, other drug, and
27 mental health first-aid efforts. *Prev Sci.* 2015 May;16(4):508-
28 17. doi: 10.1007/s11121-014-0515-x. PMID: 25322950;
29 PMCID: PMC4393752.); and,

30 Whereas,

31 When trained in Self-Defense, a Resident Assistant is
32 equipped with the skills to handle a threatening situation
33 properly, leaving less chance for them to be injured by an
34 oppressor.

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36 Be it therefore resolved: Associated Student Government (ASG) Senate
37 supports the resolution to allow Resident
38 Assistants to have the choice to be trained in
39 and preform CPR and First Aid as needed; as
40 well as be trained in Self Defense; and,

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42 Be it further resolved: Furthermore, ASG Senate supports the
43 requirement of these topics to be added to
44 Resident Assistants choose to opt-in.

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46 Be it finally resolved: A copy of this legislation be sent to Residents'
47 Interhall Congress, Associate Director for
48 Residence education Megan Witherspoon
49 Evans.

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53 Amendments: _____

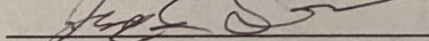
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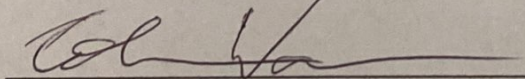
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57 Legislation Status: Passed X Failed _____ Other _____

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60 Jack Switzer, ASG Chair of the Senate

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63 Coleman Warren, ASG President

11/29/2021
Date

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