Senate

of the

Student Government Association

of

The Johns Hopkins University

{ *S. Bill. 18-19, XX* }

An Act Amending the Bylaws to Provide More Health Accommodations for Members of SGA

Introduced By: **Vice President Miranda Bannister** and considered this **2nd** day of **April** in the Year **2019.**

Sponsored By: **Senator Jenn Baron of the Senior Class**

Senator Madelynn Wellons of the Junior Class

Senator Sam Mollin of the Sophomore Class

President Dean Chien of the Junior Class

Referred to the senate by the **Internal Affairs Committee** which recommends its **Passage** by a vote of **6** to **0**.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Act may be referred to as the "Health Accommodations Bill of 2019".

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

(a) SGA — The term "SGA" shall refer to the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University.

(b) JHU, Hopkins, University — The terms "JHU", "Hopkins", and "University" shall refer to the entirety of the Johns Hopkins University.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS

(1) Lack of Leniency for Members with Health Problems in Current Bylaws

a. Absences acquired by members of SGA due health issues count towards the member's total absences towards the semester, giving them no additional accommodation

b. Members who have missed meetings for health reasons will have a smaller allowance of excused absences remaining in the semester than other members, after having taken time off

c. Members who miss more than their current allotment of absences for a health concern are at risk of impeachment, by no fault of their own.

(2) Current rules concerning attendance risk damaging the ability of students with disabilities or health issues from participating in SGA, which violates the Bill of Rights of the SGA Constitution, Section 1

a. The Bill of Righs of the SGA Constitution, Section 1, states, "The SGA will not restrict membership and/or activity by reason of age, citizenship, disability, gender, race, religion, political affiliation, or sexual orientation."

(b) PURPOSES

(1) This bill intends to increase leniency surrounding absences caused by health issues.

(2) This bill intends to fulfill the promise of the Bill of Rights in SGA's Constitution, which claims, "The SGA will not restrict membership and/or activity by reason of age, citizenship, disability, gender, race, religion, political affiliation, or sexual orientation."

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS.

A. This bill enacts the changes to the Bylaws proposed in [Addendum Document A], pertaining to medical leave of absence and family leave of absence.

SECTION 5. STARE DECISIS.

A. This bill does not pertain to any other clauses of the Bylaws.

B. At the time of this bill's introduction, no parts of the Bylaws other than those highlighted may be proposed for change.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

Should any provision of this Act, an amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance be held to be unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

THE BILL HEREBY **PASSES** BY A VOTE OF __ TO __WITH __ ABSTENTIONS.

UPON PASSAGE, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE SENATE TO BE AFFIXED TO THIS BILL INDICATING THE SENATE'S ASSENT AND THUS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED THE BILL'S ADOPTION AS LAW.

Signatures of Enactment:

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Miranda Bannister
President of the Senate
Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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AJ Tsang
Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Aspen Williams
Executive Secretary of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA