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Other:

Bill 20-17-S Bill to Encourage Inclusivity in Student Organizations

PURPOSE: For the Student Government Association of Western Kentucky University to require student organizations to commit to inclusivity before receiving Organizational Aid

WHEREAS: Every year SGA allocates \$16,000 to student organizations from across campus, with some organizations earning up to \$500, and

WHEREAS: The WKU Policies and Guidelines for Student Organizations allows for discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, sexual orientation, and national origin when expressly permitted by law, and

WHEREAS: Kentucky Senate Bill 17, signed into law March 20, 2017, permits campus organizations to discriminate against students when it aligns with the beliefs of the organization,

WHEREAS: The Organizational Aid Committee already evaluates worthiness of funding based on independent standards including the requirement of an itemized budget and history of punishment with the University, and

WHEREAS: SGA has stated in its constitution a commitment to diversity and inclusivity across campus, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the following statement be included on the 2017-2018 application for SGA Organizational Aid application and all subsequent applications, and require the signature of the leader and advisor of the organization in order for the application to be considered:

“This organization prohibits discrimination against and harassment of any member or any applicant for membership because of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation (real or perceived), gender identity/expression (real or perceived), and/or veteran status.”

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