

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2023-1196

TITLE: Protect Student Voices Act

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CHAPTER 535 STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STUDENT ASSEMBLY

- 535.1 The Student Government Executive Committee may convene at least once per academic year to host a “Student Assembly” with the purpose of promoting interactions and input between the Student Body and their leaders. This may be a forum to promote accountability and trust of student leaders.
- 535.2 The Student Assembly will be open to the public. To promote awareness of the event, the time and location of the Student Assembly may be noticed by Student Government in the same manner as any event governed under Chapter 102, S.B.S.
- 535.3 Each member of the Student Body may speak in public comment.
- 535.31 Students may sign-up for public comment by submitting an electronic request that specifies the matter on which the student wishes to speak to the Student Body President and Senate Secretary by 11:59 PM ET the day before the meeting of the Student Assembly. Students must be present at the location of the Student Assembly to receive public comment time.
- 535.32 Each student signed up for public comment must have five minutes to speak. Students may only yield their speaking time to the Student Body President.
- 535.33 Student may reserve their speaking time once during public comment, causing their name to be passed on the list. They may also yield, causing their name to be stricken from the list.
- 535.4 The Executive Committee may hold the Student Assembly in conjunction with the Student Government State of the Campus Address if the Student Body President deems it necessary to promote an efficient use of Student Government resources.

The Student Body President may cancel the event if no students register by the deadline as stipulated in this chapter.

535.5 The Student Assembly may occur no later than the last day of class of the Fall semester. Minutes may be taken in the same manner as Chapter 534.

535.6 The Action SG Chairperson(s) may post on all Student Government social media Platforms about the Student Assembly at least seven (7) days prior to the date of meeting. This may be compiled with the notice defined in 237.6, S.B.S.

535.7 Legislative Intent: It is the intent of Chapter 535 to promote new forums for communication for students. The intent of this act is also to recognize that the Student Body retains sovereignty over its Student Government. The right to make clearly known in a public forum its concerns and opinions are paramount. Finally, no language of this law should be misconstrued as limiting the event to occurring only once. The Student Government Executive Committee may host the Student Assembly as commonly as needed.