

**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1061**

**TITLE: Student Counsel Act (SCA) - 400 Codes Revision**

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CHAPTER 406 STUDENT COUNSEL ACT (2023-XXXX)

- 406.0 Intent - The intent of this act is to provide for the procedures by which a party to a case may request and retain Student Counsel. Students may be unequipped to make arguments before the University of Florida Supreme Court and this act provides a remedy for such an issue.
- 406.1 Student Counsel shall be defined as any student that is designated to act on behalf of and represent another student for a Supreme Court case.
- 406.11 Student Counsel shall be knowledgeable about the applicable Student Body Laws, case law and constitutional provisions that are to be heard for the case.
- 406.12 Student Counsels shall not be construed to be acting as attorneys-at-law nor are they permitted to represent themselves as such to other students who are seeking representation for Supreme Court cases. Failure to comply with this section shall result in disqualification from serving as a Student Counsel and shall be a contempt of court.
- 406.2 Any student who has filed a case or intends to submit a case to the Supreme Court may submit notice to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court that they intend to retain counsel to represent them in the case.
- 406.21 In the case that the student has yet to file the case, the student's Student Counsel may submit the case on behalf of the student. The Supreme Court shall have the sole responsibility to determine whether the submission meets the filing requirements in accordance with their rules and procedure.
- 406.3 Student Counsels shall not receive or request monetary compensation for the services provided to the student they represent. Failure to comply with this section shall result in disqualification from serving as a Student Counsel and shall be a contempt of court.
- 406.4 The student may, at any time, terminate the use of counsel by notifying the Chief Justice of such decision. Upon receipt of the termination notice, the Student Counsel may not act on behalf of the student.
- 406.5 The service of a Student Counsel to the student ends when the Supreme Court issues their opinion of the case.

*Proviso: Credit for the original creation of the Student Counsel Act shall be given to Senate President Emeritus Oscar Santiago Perez.*