



**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION**

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Senate

of the

East Tennessee State University

SSA-22-002

Senator Joseph Porter presents the following legislation to the East Tennessee State University Student Government Association on behalf of the student body of East Tennessee State University

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF RESEARCH IN
THE SGA EXECUTIVE CABINET**

WHEREAS, the legislative research team requires close guidance from an individual who is proficient in SGA's legislative process, and

WHEREAS, the responsibilities of the Chief of Staff have increased in recent years and the role cannot handle the responsibility of leading such a group with efficiency, and

WHEREAS, there is no other existing position that can uphold the responsibilities of leading the legislative research team with efficiency, and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Staff performs additional duties at the pleasure of the president, and the role cannot handle the responsibility of aiding members of the Student Government with drafting legislation with any efficiency, and

WHEREAS, legislators in the Student Government Association are expected to work with due diligence with relevant University officials to discuss the efficacy, issues, and cost associated with legislation under consideration, and

WHEREAS, there is need for a role that is responsible for maintaining connections with University officials and directing legislators to University officials with relevant expertise, and

WHEREAS, the various fields of SGA's responsibilities are each represented by a member of the executive cabinet.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2022-2023 STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SENATE OF THE EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1. The Constitution of the Student Government Association will add a new section to Article II, after Section 11, which shall state:

"The Secretary of Research shall have the duty:"

a. "To lead the Legislative Research Team during the Fall and Spring."

b. "To make recommendations concerning the addition or removal of a member of the Legislative Research Team to the President."

c. "To assist all members of the Student Government Association in drafting legislation and assist students in drafting petitions when requested."

d. "To, on request, facilitate communications and meetings between members of the Student Government Association and University officials for the purpose of writing or discussing legislation."

Section 2. Article II, Section 7 will be edited to include the position of Secretary of Research.

Section 3. The Legislative Research Team will be a standing executive committee and consist of no more than four (4) other students to assist in research on potential legislation and learn from the Senate, Cabinet Members, and/or Executive Leaders.

Section 4. Members of the Legislative Research Team shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate. Only students who have served at least one (1) semester or its equivalent (15 weeks) in either the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial Branches of the SGA or in the Junior Senate may be eligible for appointment.

Section 5. Article II, Section 13 will be edited to remove clause e.

Section 6. All other legislation or parts of legislation in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 7. This legislation will be effective immediately following its passing.