



**STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION**

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

**Student Senate**

*of the*

**East Tennessee State University**

**SSB-22-001**

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

**A BILL TO CODIFY THE RULES AND PROCESSES OF THE LEGISLATIVE  
RESEARCH TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, SSA-22-002 and SSA-21-002 have established a Legislative Research Team, and

**WHEREAS**, the rules, procedures, and powers of the Legislative Research Team should and must be codified in the Standard Operating Procedures of the SGA.

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

**Section 1.** The Standard Operating Procedures of the Student Government will add a new group of sections to Title I, grouped under the name "Legislative Research Team Established", which shall state:

"Section 101: The Executive Branch of the Student Government Association shall hereby have a Legislative Research Team, with its processes and eligibility defined here:

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

b. "Members of the Legislative Research Team shall serve at the discretion of the President, and their term shall coincide with that of the President."

c. "The committee will be chaired by the Secretary of Research, who will appoint a vice-chair at the recommendation of the President."

d. "The Legislative Research Team will be considered a standing

committee of the senate for rules and bylaws concerning general committee provisions not otherwise clarified in this section and for the purpose of executive responsibilities that grant advisory oversight over certain legislation topics.”

e. “The Executive Vice President may, at their discretion, assign legislation to this committee in addition to an appropriate Senate standing committee. The Legislative Research Team will follow the legislative process outlined in this document as if it were a standing senate committee when concerning legislation reviewed in this way. Suggestions can be made by The Legislative Research Team but passage by the Senate Committee is only one required for legislation to receive a second reading in the Student Senate.”

f. “The committee will convene in meetings organized at the discretion of the Secretary of Research, but it shall hold meetings no less than once per month and no less than ten (10) days after it has been assigned business by the President or the Executive Vice President.”

**Section 2.** SSA-21-002 and all other legislation or parts of legislation in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.

**Section 3.** This legislation will be effective immediately following its passing.