

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SIXTY-FIRST SESSION**



**BILL NO. 61-10**

**INTRODUCED BY: Harding (VPIA)                      SECONDED BY: Casper (NAISO)**

**A BILL TO: Amend Title Two of the General Assembly Code of Operations to  
Update the Absence Policy**

**THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:**

**WHEREAS,** During the Fifty-Ninth Session, the General Assembly passed Bill 59-07<sup>1</sup> that allows excused absences to be given out at the discretion of the ASMSU Vice President for Internal Administration and the ASMSU President; and,

**WHEREAS,** Bill 58-102<sup>2</sup> was written through the Internal Review Board process and approved by the General Assembly to amend the General Assembly Code of Operations to differentiate between excused and unexcused absences and allow for five total unexcused absences before a Representative shall be removed; and,

**WHEREAS,** There is no limit on the number of excused absences that a Representative may have before they are removed from their position, and consistent Representative attendance is essential for the progress of ASMSU and its General Assembly; and,

**WHEREAS,** In order to get approved for an excused absence, all one must do is fill out a Google Form distributed by the Vice President for Internal Administration within the 48 hours after the meeting they have missed, making it an easy and accessible process but there is an understanding that life happens; and,

**RESOLVED,** Due to the fact that this bill is introduced following the start of the 61st Session, the absences accumulated prior to its passing will not be counted as part of the allowed excused or unexcused absences; and,

**RESOLVED,** ASMSU shall hereby amend the General Assembly Code of Operations' Title Two, Section 24 as follows:

**(FROM)**

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<sup>1</sup> ■ 59-07: Amending the GA Excused Absence Policy

<sup>2</sup> ■ 58-102\_Title Two Attendance Policy Internal Review Board\_Kovach\_Modi\_Final.pdf

“Section 24. During a given session, a member shall be allowed five (5) excused absences from General Assembly meetings, committee meetings, and mandatory activities.

- A. Excused absences shall be given at the discretion of the ASMSU Vice President for Internal Administration or ASMSU President.
- B. An unexcused absence can be appealed by a majority vote of the General Assembly at the full Assembly meeting following the absence. The VPIA must be made aware of the desire to appeal 72 hours in advance of the meeting.
- C. Written notice of an excused absence shall be sent to the ASMSU Vice President for Internal Administration 48 hours following the meeting.”

(TO)

“Section 24. **During a given session, a member shall be allowed five (5) excused absences and three (3) unexcused absences from General Assembly meetings, committee meetings, and mandatory activities.**

- A. Excused absences shall be given at the discretion of the ASMSU Vice President for Internal Administration or ASMSU President.
- B. An unexcused absence can be appealed by a majority vote of the General Assembly at the full Assembly meeting following the absence. The VPIA must be made aware of the desire to appeal 72 hours in advance of the meeting.
- C. Written notice of an excused absence shall be sent to the ASMSU Vice President for Internal Administration 48 hours following the meeting.”

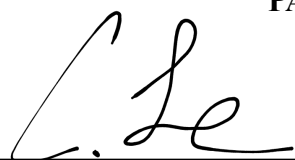

INTRODUCED ON 09.12.2024

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SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE ACTION	<u>X</u>	<u>7-0-0</u>	<u>09.05.2024</u>
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FINAL ACTION TAKEN	<u>X</u>	<u>19-1-2</u>	<u>09.12.2024</u>
	PASSED	FAILED	VOTE DATE

	
PRESIDENT: Connor Le	VPIA: Kathryn Harding