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An Act to Provide for the Inclusion of Student Hardship Resources within Tennessee Tech Syllabi

Whereas, the Student Hardship Programs on campus have served hundreds if not thousands of students, and,

Whereas, these programs on campus are focused towards specifically serving university staff and students, and,

Whereas, by attaching information directing every student to the emergency assistance programs on every syllabus it will help propagate the existence and awareness of students to these services, and,

Whereas, this section of the syllabus should include the range of assistance programs available to students but cannot provide a description of every service without overwhelming the document or student with information, and,

Whereas, mandating this information into every syllabus on campus could keep students aware of these services allowing recovery from financial emergencies, food insecurity, and to successfully continue their semester.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY THAT

Section 1: This bill shall be known as the "Student Hardship Mandate Act of 2022."

Section 2: Information about the Student Hardship Programs must be placed within every syllabus on campus.

Section 3: To provide a distinction between class-related material and campus resources within the syllabi, a page break shall be included between said material and resources.

Section 4: The following listed Student Hardship information should be incorporated into the syllabus mandated statement: An example of a loan, grant, nutritional, employment, and transportation support program with a QR code to the full list of resources.

Section 5: The following statement is an example to potentially be utilized for the mandated statement, but it is up to the university to distribute this provided statement or produce a similar one containing the information outlined above in Section 4:

Student Hardship Programs

If this is a new hardship or a new level of hardship, you should start with Tech's Office of Financial Aid. Significant changes in financial circumstances for you or your family may help you qualify for reconsideration of your financial aid package. Our Financial Aid team can review your aid and discuss possible options. These include loans, grants, nutritional assistance, employment opportunity, and transportation resources such as the SGA Emergency Loan, the Eagle Assistance Grant, the Food Pantry, Handshake, and Upper Cumberland Transit. **Along with many other financial, nutritional, and transportation emergency programs that can be found by scanning the QR code provided.**

Section 6: A Hyperlinked QR code shall be supplemented with the statement in Section 5 that links to Tennessee Tech's Hardship Assistance Program.

Section 7: A tab shall be included in the iLearn system that consists of various resources available to students, such as those listed in the syllabus and any additional information added by the Office of the Provost.

Section 8: At the beginning of each academic semester, a notification to all students shall be issued through iLearn regarding the tab to be added by Section 7.

Section 9: This Bill shall take effect the following semester upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

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