

SGA Resolution 1-16-S

A Resolution to express the MTSU Student Government Association’s support for Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam’s proposal to create an individual governing board for each state university

Whereas: Gov. Bill Haslam has recently proposed an initiative to allow each state university (APSU, MTSU, TSU, TTU, ETSU, and UM) to create their own governing boards separate of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR).

Whereas: The Tennessee Board of Regents will still remain an institution to focus solely on the issues of to the thirteen community colleges and twenty-seven technical colleges in Tennessee.

Whereas: These local boards would allow each university to set their own tuition rates, approve budgets, and set priorities independently thus allowing for greater autonomy at MTSU and the other five non UT system public universities.

Whereas: This plan will allow for better connection between local economies and the universities within them.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 78TH CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: Middle Tennessee State University’s SGA expresses its support for Governor Haslam’s initiative to create individual governing boards for each state university currently under the TBR system, as this will give MTSU much more autonomy in strategic decisions for our university and student body, and will allow MTSU to better compete with other universities instead of being tied to the decisions of TBR. This initiative was passed through the legislature as House Bill 2578 and Senate Bill 2569.

Sponsor: Connor McDonald

CoSponsor: The Executive Board

Speaker of the Senate

SGA President

VP of Student Affairs