

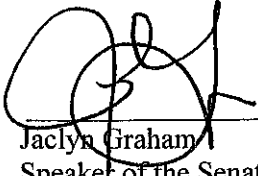
**Introduced By:** GAC Chair Stoecker  
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**First Reading:** Adopted in Committee  
**Committee Action:** Passed Favorably, 5-0-0  
**Second Reading:** March 20, 2014  
**Third Reading:** March 27, 2014  
**Final Vote:** Passed, 38-0-0

**University of Central Florida  
Forty-Sixth Student Body Senate  
Resolution 46-12**

[Resolution in Support of HB 851, an Act Relating to Postsecondary Education Tuition and Fees]

- .01 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.01 (G) (2) states that the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) is to be in constant  
.02 review of legislation at the national, state, and local level that affects the students at the University of Central  
.03 Florida;
- .04 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.01 (G) (3) states that GAC is to be in constant review of University and Board of  
.05 Governors policies, regulations, and resolutions;
- .06 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.01 (G) (4) states that GAC is to be in constant review of matters including, but not  
.07 limited to, educational, environmental, economic, transportation, health safety, and social concerns on University of  
.08 Central Florida campuses;
- .09 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 5.01 (B) (2) states that a Resolution pertains to every measure expressing the sentiment of  
.10 the Student Senate;
- .11 **WHEREAS**, The bill revises provisions related to the determination of resident status for tuition purposes;
- .12 **WHEREAS**, The bill provides that a United States citizen who is a dependent child may not be denied  
.13 classification as a resident for tuition purposes based solely upon the immigration status of his or her parent;
- .14 **WHEREAS**, The definitions of “dependent child” and “parent” are amended regarding establishing residency for  
.15 tuition purposes;
- .16 **WHEREAS**, The bill also clarifies that postsecondary institutions may satisfy the verification requirement of  
.17 documents by accepting an affidavit that requires the person claiming residence to submit specific information;
- .18 **WHEREAS**, Furthermore, once any institution of higher education in the state classifies a student as a resident for  
.19 tuition purposes or verifies that a student meets specific criteria established in law, an institution of higher education  
.20 would not be required to reevaluate the classification status of a student so long as there is no inconsistent  
.21 information suggesting an erroneous classification and there is no break in the student’s enrollment of twelve (12)  
.22 months or longer;
- .23 **WHEREAS**, The bill clarifies that a student who resides in Florida may be classified as a resident for tuition  
.24 purposes if he or she marries a person who qualifies as a resident for tuition purposes;
- .25 **WHEREAS**, It also allows a student who has been classified as a nonresident to reclassify as a resident upon  
.26 subsequently marrying a person who already qualifies as a resident for tuition purposes;
- .27 **WHEREAS**, For a dependent child living with an adult relative, who is a Florida resident and who is not the child’s  
.28 parent, the bill reduces the amount of time the child must live with the relative in order to use the relative’s  
.29 documentation to establish residency for tuition purposes from five (5) years to three (3) years; and
- .30 **WHEREAS**, The bill exempts the following types of students from the payment of out-of-state fees: Veterans of  
.31 the United States Armed Forces, including reserve components, who physically reside in Florida while enrolled in a  
.32 Florida postsecondary institution, and students who attend a Florida high school for four (4) consecutive years and  
.33 enroll in a postsecondary institution within twenty-four (24) months after graduation, provided they submit their  
.34 high school transcript as documentary evidence of attendance and graduation;
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- .36 **THEREFORE, BE IT**
- .37 **RESOLVED**, That it is the decision of the Forty-Sixth Student Senate of the University of Central Florida to  
.38 support HB 851, an Act Relating to Postsecondary Education Tuition and Fees; and
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- .40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the following members of the United  
.41 States Congress: Senator Harry Reid, Senator Mitch McConnell, Senator Bill Nelson, Senator Marco Rubio,  
.42 Speaker John Boehner, Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi, Congresswomen Corrine Brown, Congressman Alan

- .43 Grayson, Congressman John Mica, Congressman Bill Posey, Congressman Daniel Webster, as well as the following  
.44 Congressional Committees: Senate Committee on Higher Education and Workforce on Education Subcommittee,  
.45 Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Appropriations Committee.

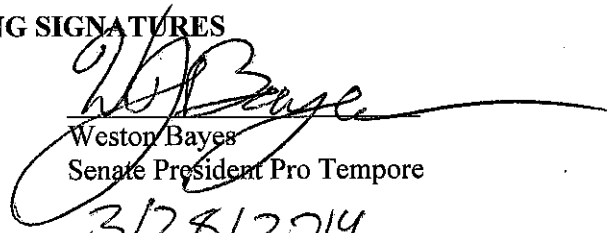


Jaclyn Graham  
Speaker of the Senate

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Date

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