



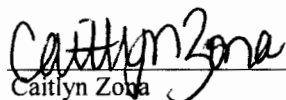
**Introduced By:** Senator Garwood  
**Sponsored By:** GAC Committee  
**Contact:** sga\_hpa3@ucf.edu  
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**Third Reading:** March 19, 2015  
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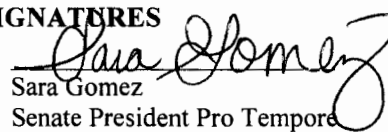
**University of Central Florida  
Forty-Seventh Student Body Senate  
Resolution 47-11**

[Resolution in Support of Florida Senate Bill 7030/ Florida House Bill 7091, an Act Relating to the Postsecondary Education of Students with Intellectual Disabilities]

.01 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.01 (G) (2) states that the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) is to be in constant review of  
.02 legislation at the national, state, and local level that affects the students at the University of Central Florida;  
.03 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.01 (G) (3) states that GAC is to be in constant review of University and Board of Governors  
.04 policies, regulations, and resolutions;  
.05 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 2.01 (G) (4) states that GAC is to be in constant review of matters including, but not limited to,  
.06 educational, environmental, economic, transportation, health safety, and social concerns on University of Central Florida  
.07 campuses;  
.08 **WHEREAS**, Senate Rule 5.01 (B) (2) states that a Resolution pertains to every measure expressing the sentiment of the  
.09 Student Senate;  
.10 **WHEREAS**, SB 7030/HB 7091 is an act relating to the postsecondary education of students with intellectual disabilities;  
.11 **WHEREAS**, SB 7030/HB 7091 intends to create a process through which Florida postsecondary institutions can voluntarily  
.12 seek approval to offer educational opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities through a Florida Postsecondary  
.13 Comprehensive Transition Program (FPCTP);  
.14 **WHEREAS**, SB 7030/HB 7091 would create the Florida Center for Students with Unique Abilities, which would serve as a  
.15 statewide coordination center for information about specific programs and services for students and their families;  
.16 **WHEREAS**, The employment rate for students completing a postsecondary education program is 58%, as opposed to a 32%  
.17 employment rate for individuals not participating in a postsecondary education program;  
.18 **WHEREAS**, The wages for those completing a postsecondary education program are approximately 57.7% higher than the  
.19 wages of individuals not participating in a postsecondary education program;  
.20 **WHEREAS**, One such program is being developed at the University of Central Florida (UCF), with a pilot program set to  
.21 launch for the Fall 2015 semester, with expansions taking place thereafter;  
.22 **WHEREAS**, Students enrolled in the program will be fully integrated into the UCF community, having full access to  
.23 campus resources, facilities, and Registered Student Organizations (RSOs);  
.24 **WHEREAS**, Students will gain real work experience through on-campus or community internships and jobs;  
.25 **WHEREAS**, This program will allow students with intellectual disabilities to have opportunities that otherwise would not be  
.26 afforded to them; and  
.27 **WHEREAS**, The University of Central Florida “Stands for Opportunity” and values diversity of all types in its student body;  
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.29 **THEREFORE, BE IT**  
.30 **RESOLVED**, That it is the decision of the Forty-Seventh Student Senate of the University of Central Florida, on behalf of  
.31 the UCF student body, to support Florida Senate Bill 7030 the “Act Relating to the Postsecondary Education for Students  
.32 with Disabilities”;  
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.34 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Florida Senate President Andy Gardiner, Florida  
.35 Speaker of the House Steve Crisafulli, Representative Rene “ Coach P” Plasencia, Members of the Florida Senate  
.36 Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Members of the Florida Senate Appropriations Committee, Florida House  
.37 Appropriations Committee, Florida House Subcommittee on Education and University of Central Florida President Hitt.

**AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES**

  
Caitlyn Zora  
Speaker of the Senate  
3-23-2015  
Date

  
Sara Gomez  
Senate President Pro Tempore  
3.23.2015  
Date