A BILL
To amend the East Carolina University Student Government Association bylaws to provide the three branches of government with a more comprehensive system of checks and balances regarding the development and approval of the funding guidelines.

Primary Sponsor: Senator Tharrington
Cosponsor(s): Senators Lockhart and Taylor
First Reading: 12/01/2014
Referred to: Rules and Judiciary
Second Reading: 12/08/2014

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This bill can be cited as the “Appropriations Reform Act.”

SECTION 2. CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS.
WHEREAS, the three branches of government must work together in order to present itself as an efficient and cohesive whole, and

WHEREAS, the process used to develop the funding guidelines is not currently all-inclusive in regards to branches of government, and

WHEREAS, it is within the bounds of the student government association undergraduate senate’s power to bring changes to the bylaws, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the senate to ensure the bylaws remain fair and just, therefore be it

ENACTED, Article II Section 2.1 Subsection (c) Shall read “The Treasurer of the student body serves as the Chief Financial Officer for the Students Government Association. He or she oversees Appropriations for student organizations, contributes to the
Funding Guidelines through formal recommendations to the Appropriations committee. He or she will give advice...; and be it further

**ENACTED,** Article III Section 3.3 Subsection (a) Shall read “Appropriations: The Appropriations committee is given a budget of student fee money from the Student Body Treasurer, with that money the committee interviews and allocates funds to various registered student groups who apply for funding. Taking into consideration any formal recommendations on the part of the Student Body Treasurer, the Appropriations committee will develop and present to the senate in the form of a bill a set of funding guidelines by which to allocate funding during that fiscal year. These guidelines should be developed at the first official committee meeting of the academic year and presented at the subsequent senate meeting. Funding is distributed during the Fall and Spring semesters of each fiscal year...”

**SECTION 3. DATE EFFECTIVE.**

This Bill shall be effective upon its passage by 2/3 of the members of the undergraduate senate and its signing by the president of the student body.