

A Bill to be Entitled

## **Preparing Undergraduates for Testing Success Act**

*The purpose of this bill is to establish, in collaboration with the University of Alabama in Birmingham Division of Student Affairs, a fund that will be solely devoted to reimbursing undergraduate students at the University of Alabama at Birmingham for the purchase of one (1) practice post-graduate exam test per academic year.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Government Association of the University of Alabama at Birmingham assembled.*

### **Section 1. Definitions**

In this bill:

§ 1.1 “UAB” refers to the University of Alabama at Birmingham

§ 1.2 “USGA” refers to the Undergraduate Student Government Association

### **Section 2. Details and Qualifications**

#### *Details*

§ 2.1 The practice post-undergraduate exams covered by this legislation include the nine exams listed in § 2.1.3.

§ 2.1.1 This legislation does not cover post-undergraduate exams, only practice post-undergraduate standardized exams.

§ 2.1.2 Any additional exams not covered by this legislation will be considered upon request by the UAB USGA Senate Committee on Academic Affairs.

§ 2.1.2a Requests must be sent to either the UAB USGA or the UAB Division of Student Affairs.

§ 2.1.3 Dental Admission Test (DAT), Fundamentals of Engineering (FE), Graduate Management Admission Test, for MBA Programs (GMAT), Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), Miller Analogies Test (MAT), Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT), Optometry Admission Testing Program (OATP)

§ 2.2 This program will be entitled “Practice Exam Reimbursement Program” (PERP).

#### *Qualifications*

§ 2.3 The student must be a classified junior or senior at UAB.

§ 2.3.1 The student must have enrolled in and successfully completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at UAB prior to applying for funding to be eligible to receive funding through PERP.

§ 2.3.2 The student must provide verifiable proof to UAB that they are registered to take one of the exams listed in § 2.1.2 within the six (6) months following the initial request for funding.

§ 2.3.2a “Verifiable proof” can take the form of printed receipt, email receipt, transaction receipt, or any other commonly utilized method of verification of purchase.

§ 2.4 The student is eligible to receive one (1) free practice exam of their choosing per academic year.

### **Section 3. Funding**

§ 3.1 PERP will be funded, on a trial basis, by all remaining funds left over by the USGA Textbook Award in the Fall 2023 semester.

§ 3.1.1 The success of the program will be determined by the UAB USGA Senate Committee Academic Affairs and any other relevant parties by December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the final day of the Fall 2023 Academic Term.

§ 3.1.1a If deemed successful, feasible, or another similar term, then the PERP fund will be populated by an identical number of United States Dollars (USD) in the Spring 2024 semester as populated in the Fall 2023 PERP fund.

§ 3.1.2 In the Fall 2024 academic year and beyond, the PERP fund will include the total amount of funding allocated to it in the 2023 academic year and increased to the nearest thousand dollar.

§ 3.1.2a For example, if the total allocation to the PERP fund for the 2023-2024 academic year is \$9,100, the 2024-2025 PERP Fund shall receive \$10,000.

§ 3.1.2b PERP fund funding can increase if the fund utilizes over 85% of its yearly allocation. The amount of increase shall be determined by the Vice President of Finance in conjunction with the USGA Senate Committee on Academic Affairs.

§ 3.2 The money provided for PERP shall be replenished at the beginning of each academic year (Fall semester).

§ 3.2.1a The money provided for PERP shall be referenced and accounted for in all future USGA budgets

§ 3.2.1b The money provided for PERP shall not be utilized for any other reason by USGA or UAB.

§ 3.3 The money provided to students through the PERP fund must cover the full amount of a student’s request.

§ 3.3.1 This includes any accrued fees for sales tax, shipping, and other expenditures directly stemming from the purchase of a practice post-undergraduate exam.

§ 3.4 The UAB Division of Student Affairs will contribute additional monetary assistance to the PERP fund if they are able to do so.

§ 3.5 The prices for the qualifying practice exams listed in § 2.1.3 are listed in § 3.4.1. Qualified exam status is not subject to change in the event of a price change.

§ 3.5.1 The following prices are accurate as of July 14, 2023. Any change in price shall not change the qualification status of an exam.

- Dental Admission Test, full test (DAT): \$100
- Dental Admission Test, individual modules (DAT): \$20
- Fundamentals of Engineering (FE): \$29.95
- Graduate Management Admission Test, for MBA Programs (GMAT): \$59.99
- Graduate Record Examinations (GRE): \$39.95
- Law School Admissions Test (LSAT): \$115
- Miller Analogies Test (MAT): \$30
- Medical College Admission Test (MCAT): \$35
- Pharmacy College Admission Test, one multiple choice (PCAT): \$30
- Pharmacy College Admission Test, one writing prompt (PCAT): \$30
- Optometry Admission Testing Program, full test (OATP): \$100
- Optometry Admission Testing Program, individual modules (OATP): \$20

## **Section 4. Implementation**

§ 4.1 The money allocated to the PERP fund will be provided to students via qualification through application.

§ 4.1.1 An example of the application can be found [here](#).

§ 4.1.1a The application must be completed with a valid UAB email.

§ 4.1.1b The name of the applicant must match the name associated with the UAB email.

§ 4.2 Selection of fund recipients should be undertaken by a rotating panel of three individuals.

§ 4.2.1 The breakdown of said panel shall be as listed in § 4.2.1a

§ 4.2.1a The panel shall consist of one member of the USGA Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, one member of the USGA Division of Finance, and one member of the general UAB undergraduate student body.

§ 4.2.1b The panel shall be rotated each calendar week where cases are seen. If any member has had prolonged contact with an individual who has submitted a reimbursement request, they must make this known to the remaining members of the panel prior to the beginning of deliberations.

§ 4.2.1c The panel must decide whether to remove the individual with prolonged contact with an applicant. It will be a majority vote with two votes constituting removal.

§ 4.2.1d Failure to comply with the procedure laid out in § 4.2.1.2 will result in a disciplinary strike against the panel member.

§ 4.2.1e Three strikes against a panel member will result in permanent removal from consideration of participating in the council.

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