

Associated Students of Cerritos College

IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

11/29/23

Senator Murillo introduced the following Bill,
Senator Villalobos seconded the following Bill

A BILL

Updating Legal Absences to Include Jury and Reserve Military Duty SB-2324-01

Whereas: Associated Students of Cerritos College officers who have absences due to them serving as a juror for Jury Duty or Reserve Military Service incur an unexcused absence, which can get them removed from ASCC should such absences accumulate; and

Whereas: This stops citizens who must fulfill their mandatory important civic responsibility, our public service as a juror protects our Constitutional right to have a trial by an impartial jury which is crucial for the protection of our rights and liberties as accomplished through the teamwork of judge and jury, who, working together in a mutual effort, put into practice the principles of our heritage of freedom; and

Whereas: Those who must fulfill their Reserve Duty are also stopped thus not allowing individuals to not only protect the United States and its citizens from direct threat but also help maintain peace and stability in regions critical to U.S. interests and underwrite U.S. defense commitments around the world; and

Whereas: To provide for these types of cases, the Bylaws need to be amended, as the only currently excused absences are those considered “legally excused” (medical excuses, college athletics, college conventions, and college-representing competitions); and

Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College hereby amends the Bylaws of the Associated Students of Cerritos College by adding the following section to Article VIII, Section 4, below Subsection B:

To insert “jury duty, Reserve military duty,” following ‘School-related conventions’ in Article VIII, Section 4, subsection B, to read as follows:

B. Legal Absences

1. Any person in student government who misses any official meeting of their respective branches of student government due to medical excuses; inter-collegiate athletics; school-related conventions; jury duty, reserve military duty, and/or competitions in the interest of the school may be legally excused from meetings.

Resolved: The Associated Students of Cerritos College declares that these changes to the Bylaws and to ASCC policy in general shall be applied to any declared unexcused absence or removal by count of absences which occurred from the start of the Fall 2023 Semester; and

Resolved: The Department of Student Activities, and in particular Dean of Student Services Elizabeth Miller and Student Events Specialist Esmeralda Murillo, shall upon passage of this Bill be sent an electronic copy of it, and are hereby requested to, as soon as possible, update the published copies of the Bylaws to reflect the changes made by the Bill.

Associated Students of Cerritos College

Amendment History

Senator Hernandez moved to strike “active” and insert “reserve” prior to the word military throughout the legislation, seconded by Senator Dunomes. No objections, the motion passes.

Final Senate Action

Date of final vote:	November 29, 2023
Senators Voting Aye:	Abrokwa-Agyei, Alamgir, Bui, Dunomes, A. Flores, F. Flores, Garcia, Gonzalez, Harmon, Hernandez, Mejia, Murillo Ochoa, Oliva, Ordoñez, Oregon, Pavon, Poliquin-Hernandez, Ramos, Reyes, Rivera, Villalobos, Yim
Senators Voting Nay:	None
Senators Abstaining:	None
Vote Count:	23 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

Committee Referral

Referred to Committee? No

Presidential Action

Presidential Action (Approved or Veto): No action taken, bill confirmed.