



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

- Senate Bill 331- 043  
 Resolution 331-

I, Sydney Thayer, President of the Student Assembly of William & Mary do hereby:

- Approve  
 Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation:

The Supporting 2024 Voting Rights Restoration Summit Act

Sydney Thayer

President, 331st Student Assembly (23-24)

DATE: 2/20/24

331<sup>st</sup> Student Assembly,  
Senate Bill 331-043

A Bill

*To Help fund the Hosting of a Summit dedicated to the Restoration of the Right to Vote*

**The Supporting the 2024 Voting Rights Restoration Summit Act**  
An Act of the 331st Student Assembly of William & Mary,

Sponsored by Senator Connor O'Neill (Law)

Cosponsored by Senator S. Connor Cheadle (Law)

Supported by The William and Mary Law School Election Law Society (ELS) and Revive My Vote  
(RMV)

WHEREAS, the right to vote is a fundamental right recognized by the United States Constitution, the State of Virginia, and by the Student Assembly of William and Mary in holding elections for their Senate Representatives;

WHEREAS, helping aid individuals in their efforts to restore their right to vote is a fantastic way for students to be civically engaged, to support the local William and Mary Community, and the people of the State of Virginia;

WHEREAS, Senator Connor O'Neill has brought this bill on behalf of the student organizations of ELS and RMV in order to provide a great educational opportunity to the entire William and Mary community;

WHEREAS, ELS and RMV would appreciate the support of Student Assembly so that they may host a fantastic event that will benefit the William and Mary community;

WHEREAS, the 2024 Rights Restoration Summit will be hosted by the William & Mary Election Law Society and Revive My Vote, a student group at William & Mary working to help eligible Virginians restore their rights since 2013;

WHEREAS, the Summit will take place on March 21 at William & Mary Law School;

WHEREAS, the Summit will feature important lawyers, policy makers, & academics whose work focuses on restoring the right of felons to vote;

WHEREAS, the Summit will kick off with a special keynote speech from Mayor Levar Stoney, Mayor of Richmond, followed by working groups divided into three categories including: National Litigation & Voter Restoration Policy; Virginia Rights Restoration Litigation; and Road to 2024 - Outreach to the formerly incarcerated & Voter Administration. Each working group will tackle the challenges posed to the restoration community within each category and devise solutions that may be adopted. After a period of deliberation, each working group will present their findings to the Summit participants and engage in Q&A;

WHEREAS, both organizations are requesting a combined \$5,000 from the Student Assembly to help cover the costs of the expenses. They have gathered funding from other groups, and while they requested additional funds from the Student Bar Association, they do not have enough to cover the entirety of the event;

WHEREAS, this event is open to all students, and will benefit both the Law School and William and Mary at large by allowing students to be civically engaged by aiding individuals in their efforts to restore their right to vote.

Now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates up to \$2,000 from Student Assembly Reserves to cover various expenses for speakers and costs associated with the summit including parking expenses, food & refreshments.
2. Charges the bill's Sponsor to advertise to the Senate the date and location of this Summit to inform undergraduate students of the event so that they may participate if they choose.