

**Resolution 14-13:
A Resolution to Endorse Ohio Senate Bill 367, Or to Change the Term “Mental Retardation” with “Intellectual Disabilities” in the Ohio Revised Code**

1 **WHEREAS,** The current language in the Ohio Revised Code mentions certain disabilities
2 as “mental retardation,” and other like terms; and

3 **WHEREAS,** The term “mental retardation” is offensive to people who face these
4 disabilities; and

5 **WHEREAS,** In 2010, President Barack Obama signed into law S. 2781, an act that
6 removes the term “mental retardation” and “mentally retarded” from federal
7 health, education and labor policy and replaces them with “individual with an
8 intellectual disability” and “intellectually disabled”; and

9 **WHEREAS,** Ohio Senate Bill 367 would replace "mental retardation" and similar terms
10 with "intellectual disability" and similar terms, to specify that an intellectual
11 disability is a form of developmental disability; and

12 **WHEREAS,** Wright State University is committed to serving all people and respects the
13 individuality of all; now, therefore, be it

14 **RESOLVED,** That the Student Government here assembled at Wright State University
15 make the following recommendation for solution:

16 SECTION 1. The Wright State University Student Government endorses Ohio
17 Senate Bill 367 and encourages the Ohio General Assembly to pass this
18 legislation.

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ACTION:

___ Vetoed | ___ Approved *Ayes:*___ *Nays:*___ *Abstentions:*___

Date:_____

Kyle K. Powell, President

Date:_____

ATTEST:

Zena A. Fadel, Director of Internal Affairs

Date:_____