

# B.R.2017.04

URGING THE PASSAGE OF PENNSYLVANIA SENATE BILL 196 & NAMING THE BILL  
“ALINA’S LAW”

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## STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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President Kneis introduced the following resolution; which was read for the first  
time.

7 NOVEMBER 2017

Read the second time and voted on.

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## A RESOLUTION

URGING THE PASSAGE OF PA SENATE BILL 196

- 1 WHEREAS, the University of Pittsburgh wishes to promote an  
2 environment where all students and individuals may  
3 live free of harm and always feel safe;
- 4 WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Senate introduced Bill 196 in  
5 January of 2017, with the intent of giving the judiciary  
6 the authority to order a GPS monitoring device be  
7 placed on individuals who have a protection from  
8 abuse (PFA) filed against them;
- 9 WHEREAS, Alina Sheykhet’s life was cut tragically short, with the  
10 primary suspect having a PFA filed against him by  
11 Alina, demonstrating need to revamp PFA laws to  
12 protect survivors and victims of domestic violence;
- 13 WHEREAS, Renaming SB 196 to Alina’s Law will honor her life  
14 and ensure her memory continues in perpetuity;

15 WHEREAS, the survivors and victims of all forms of domestic and  
16 relationship violence deserve the fullest protection  
17 under the law;

18 WHEREAS, Current practices around PFAs in Pennsylvania are  
19 not strong enough to adequately protect survivors and  
20 victims, and law enforcement cannot arrest offenders  
21 who violate a PFA without a warrant; *now, therefore,*  
22 *be it*

23 RESOLVED, on this 7th day of November in the year 2017, the  
24 University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board  
25 calls upon the Pennsylvania State Senate to rename  
26 Senate bill 196 Alina’s Law *and be it further*

27 RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania review  
28 current practices related to protections from abuse  
29 orders, implementing any and all changes deemed  
30 necessary to better protect individuals who seek  
31 protection; *and be it further*

32 RESOLVED, The Commonwealth make strengthening laws related  
33 to domestic and relationship violence a priority in the  
34 current legislative session, in order to protect  
35 survivors and victims from suffering preventable  
36 tragedies; *and be it further*

37 RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be sent to all  
38 members of the Pennsylvania Senate co-sponsoring SB  
39 196 and those members of the legislature representing  
40 the University of Pittsburgh; *and be it finally*

41 RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately upon  
42 adoption and shall reflect the official position of the  
43 University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board.

44 ADOPTED: this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017 by a vote of 8 for, 0  
45 against, and 0 abstentions.

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Max Kneis, President  
University of Pittsburgh Student Government Board