**Summary:** This resolution calls upon the Maryland Senate Finance Committee Chair, Senator Dolores Kelly, and Maryland Senate President, Senator Bill Ferguson, to inform the Graduate Student Government and other interested parties of the details pertaining to the attempted and failed passage of *Senate Bill 521: State Personnel – Collective Bargaining*.

**WHEREAS,** in the 2021 Maryland General Assembly, the Maryland Senate took up *Senate Bill 521: State Personnel – Collective Bargaining* (SB521), which would legalize collective bargaining for graduate students, and

**WHEREAS,** SB 521 had the support of a majority of senators in the Maryland Senate, and

**WHEREAS,** Senator Dolores Kelly, who chairs the Maryland Senate Finance Committee and thus determines its voting schedule, expressed support for SB521 in committee hearings¹, and

**WHEREAS,** SB 521 never received a vote from the Maryland Senate Finance Committee², which is generally required prior to reaching a vote on the Senate floor, and

**WHEREAS,** the Maryland Senate can suspend rules on bills to forgo approval from a standing committee under Maryland Senate Rule 33³, and Senate President Bill Ferguson did not undertake such action,

**WHEREAS,** interested graduate student groups were not informed of the reasoning for the absence of a vote on SB521.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Graduate Student Government calls upon Maryland Senate Finance Committee Chair, Senator Dolores Kelly, and Maryland Senate President, Senator Bill Ferguson, to inform the Graduate Student Government and other interested parties of the details pertaining to the attempted and failed passage of *Senate Bill 521: State Personnel – Collective Bargaining*.

¹Link to SB521 Committee Hearing: [here](#)
²Link to SB521 Legislative Progress and Overview: [http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawwebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0521](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawwebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0521)
³Description of how bills become law in the MD Assembly:
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