

Student Government Association

Tennessee Technological University

SGA Bill SB-S23-02

An Act to Add Detectable Warning Pavers to the Tennessee Tech University's Sidewalks

- Whereas,* Tennessee Tech University aspires to have a safe and accessible campus; and,
- Whereas,* students who are visually impaired rely on additional technology to safely navigate campus; and,
- Whereas,* current accessibility infrastructure inadequately provides necessary guidance for those depending on it; and,
- Whereas,* adding detectable warning pavers and/or curb cuts to places where such infrastructure is lacking is a simple but effective means to ensure the safety of pedestrians, both impaired and unimpaired; and,

**NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE
TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY THAT**

- Section 1:** This Bill shall be known as the "Accessible Sidewalks Act of 2023".
- Section 2:** Areas where accessible infrastructure is lacking shall have detectable warning pavers and/or curb cuts installed.
- Section 3:** Current curb cuts that are outdated and unmaintained shall be replaced or repaired to uphold current regulation.
- Section 4:** The Americans with Disability Act requires that sidewalks *must* have detectable warning pavers at all street crossings; to that point, this standard shall be upheld as the minimum requirement.

Section 5: The construction and/or modification of said warning pavers and curb cuts shall follow the predetermined conditions agreed upon by the Tennessee Tech administration:

Section 5.1: These developments shall commence at the beginning of the Summer 2023 semester and shall be completed by the beginning of the Fall 2023 semester due to lower foot traffic on campus during that time.

Section 5.2: These developments shall be given high priority by Facilities.

Section 6: This Bill shall take effect at the beginning of the Summer 2023 semester following passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Senate Record

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