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4 *ASG Senate Bill No. 13*

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9 **A Bill Creating a Referendum to the Undergraduate**  
10 **Student Body Regarding Athletic Funding**

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12 Whereas, The Associated Student Government exists to represent and  
13 advocate for the entirety of the undergraduate student body  
14 of the University of Arkansas; and  
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16 Whereas, On January 28, 2026, the University of Arkansas Board of  
17 Trustees passed a resolution requesting that Chancellor  
18 Charles Robinson and Vice Chancellor/Director of Athletics  
19 Hunter Yurachek generate \$6,000,000 annually to be  
20 allocated to the Department of Athletics for operational  
21 costs; and  
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23 Whereas, Members of the campus community have expressed concern  
24 over the amount of time community members have had to  
25 review the proposal; and  
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27 Whereas, The University of Arkansas Department of Athletics has  
28 historically been regarded as a “self-sustaining” department,  
29 operating without direct institutional or state funding and  
30 reinvesting revenue into operations, and student-athletes;  
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33 Whereas, Razorback Athletics represents a pillar of institutional pride,  
34 cultural identity, and economic impact for the University and  
35 the State of Arkansas; and  
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37 Whereas, The University’s primary mission remains the provision of  
38 accessible, affordable, and high-quality education to the  
39 students of Arkansas, the United States, and the  
40 international community; and  
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42 Whereas, The potential mechanisms to generate the requested \$6  
43 million include:

- 44 1. An increase in student tuition.



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departmental funds to fund the University of  
Arkansas Department of Athletics?

Yes  No

Be it further resolved:

The results of the referendum question be  
shared with Chancellor Charles Robinson; Vice  
Chancellor and Director of Athletics Hunter  
Yurachek; Vice Chancellor for Finance and  
Administration Ann Bordelon; and University  
of Arkansas Board of Trustees members Kelly  
Eichler, Steve Cox, Ed Fryar, Ted Dickey,  
Jeremy Wilson, Nathaniel Todd, Kevin Crass,  
Scott Ford, Randy Lawson, and Judd Deere;  
and

Be it finally resolved:

A copy of this bill be sent to ASGJ Chief Justice  
Paige Williams.

Amendments: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote Count: Aye \_\_\_\_\_ Nay \_\_\_\_\_ Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_

Legislation Status: Passed \_\_\_\_\_ Failed \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Alexander Dennis, ASG Chair of the Senate \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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Amanda Hux, ASG President \_\_\_\_\_ Date