

**SENATE OF THE ILLINOIS STUDENT GOVERNMENT
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8 *Be It Enacted by the Illinois Student Government, a Bill*
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10 **Reducing Paper Waste for ISG Business**

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12 WHEREAS, the Illinois Student Government recently resolved to take more seriously its
13 commitment to creating a sustainable campus through the creation of the Committee on
14 Environmental Sustainability; and,

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16 WHEREAS, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has committed to the goal of
17 diverting 45 percent of its waste from landfills by 2020 in the Illinois Climate Action Plan, but is
18 not currently on track to reach that goal; and,

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20 WHEREAS, Objective 21 of the Illinois Climate Action Plan is to apply environmental standards
21 to the purchase of office paper by fiscal year 2017; and,

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23 WHEREAS, the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500/45-25) requires public agencies
24 (including public universities) to purchase paper of recycled content so long as doing so does not
25 present major financial obstacles; and,

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27 WHEREAS, paper of 30 percent post-consumer content can be purchased through the campus
28 buying system at a cheaper rate than many departments are currently paying for virgin paper, and
29 paper of 100 percent post-consumer content can be purchased at only a slightly more expensive
30 rate than virgin paper; therefore,

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32 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Illinois Student Government commits to minimizing paper waste by
33 restricting printing to instances in which electronic sharing presents a significant inconvenience;
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all business of the Illinois Student Government is printed
37 on paper of 100% post-consumer content; and,

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate urges the Office of Business and Financial
40 Services to remove virgin paper as an option available for purchase through the iBuy system;
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate requests that the President direct the Executive
44 to take any action necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this act.