

317th Student Assembly,

Senate Bill 317-038

A Bill

To subsidize influenza vaccinations for William and Mary students

The Continued Seasonal Influenza Prevention Act

An Act of the 317th Student Assembly of the College of William and Mary,

Sponsored by Senators Eric Scalzo (J.D.'11), Erik Houser ('10), Steven Nelson ('10), Ben Brown ('11), Imad Matini ('11)

Supported by Vice President Ryan Ruzic (J.D.'11)

WHEREAS, the Student Assembly fully subsidized 100 flu shots in 2008 and all were issued prior to the event's commencement;

WHEREAS, approximately 200 additional students came to receive flu vaccines partially subsidized by the Student Assembly;

WHEREAS, the Student Assembly fully subsidized 300 seasonal influenza vaccines on September 9th, 2009;

WHEREAS, approximately 510 additional students came to receive flu vaccines partially subsidized by the Student Assembly;

WHEREAS, the Student Health Center has advocated for continued influenza preventative measures in order to stave off an influenza outbreak on campus;

WHEREAS, this season, the flu poses a greater risk to the student environment than years past and the demand for these vaccines is extremely high; and

WHEREAS, the administration of an influenza vaccine can continue to help prevent a large portion of the student body from contracting the virus;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Student Assembly of the College of William and Mary-

1. Allocates \$3,500.00 from the Consolidated Reserve Fund to fully subsidize 175 seasonal influenza vaccines for the first William and Mary students in line;
2. Charges the sponsors of this bill with ensuring a student-wide email notifying the student body of this opportunity is sent out prior to the date on which the vaccines will be offered;

3. Charges the sponsors of this bill and Executive Department of Health and Safety with the oversight and execution of this allocation;
4. Charges the sponsors of the bill and the Executive Department of Health and Safety to conduct a survey to measure student health on campus to chart the effectiveness of the free immunizations; and
5. Charges the sponsors of this bill and Executive Department of Health and Safety to lobby the college administration and any alternative funding sources to make flu shots cheaper or free for all students; and
6. Charges the sponsors of this bill with introducing a new resolution prior to the Spring 2010 SA General Election to put forward a referendum to the student body asking students if they would support a fee increase to subsidize flu shots in the future should the college administration or alternative funding sources be unwilling or unable to cover the cost of the shots.