BILL REPORT SUMMARY
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Bills voted on this meeting:

S.B. 65-35  Board of Regents Transparency Bill

• This is a support bill for Texas House Bill 31, which enhances transparency in Board of Regent’s meetings by requiring early notice of meeting information and internet streaming of the meetings
• Strengthens regulations on the board of regents making access to meetings and information better for students

S.B. 65-36  Outcome-Based State Funding Support Bill

• Another support bill, for Texas House Bill 25, which ties 25% of state funding for public universities to outcome-based performance measures such as graduations
• Helps make funding more clear and protects that portion of the funding

S.B. 65-37  Carefully Helping Each and Every Redass Student Bill

• This bill requests that Texas A&M sell alcoholic beverages at sporting events to everyone in attendance that can legally purchase
• Requests a plan to be developed by Texas A&M to sell these beverages to eligible patrons at all official athletic events and asks the proceeds supplement the renovations to the student section of Kyle Field
• Asks Texas A&M to institute procedures to “prohibit and deter” any and all underage drinking and to rigorously enforce and expand (if necessary) the regulations intended to safeguard a hospitable atmosphere at the events

S.B. 65-38  Kyle Field Renovation Fee Referendum

• This bill asks for a referendum to be done during the spring student body elections asking students if they support or oppose where the funds are coming from for the renovations to Kyle Field, explaining the increases to the University Advancement Fee and the increase to the price of sports passes
S.B. 65-39  **Assurance of Equality in Admissions Bill**

- This bill asks that Texas A&M not collect race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or socioeconomic status data from applicants during the application process and that these factors only be collected after a student has been enrolled
- The only information used for identification shall be academic, UIN, and state of residence
- Asks changes be implemented before August 1, 2013

S.B. 65-40  **Engineering Differential Tuition Study Abroad Bill**

- An engineering student pays $800 per academic year for differential tuition, and approximately $200,000 will be supplemented to fund study abroad programs for engineering students
- This bill asks for the money allocated for study abroad programs be redirected back to the engineering department to fund enhancements

S.B. 65-45  **The Dixie Restoration Bill**

- This bill requests that the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band perform music “to better reflect the Southern culture and heritage of the student body”
- It requests the Band to update its repertoire with Dixie, The Bonnie Blue Flag, Blue-Gray Medley III, and Gate City March