

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 71-08


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71st Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Speaker Pro-Tempore Tate Banks, Off-Campus Caucus

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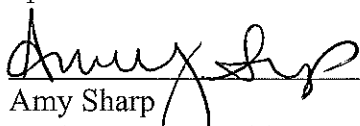
Action Taken _____

Certified By:



Mitch Parker
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:



Amy Sharp
Student Body President

The Priority Course Registration for Veterans Advocacy Bill

"A bill to advocate for priority course registration for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces"



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Whereas(1): Many veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces attend Texas A&M University, around half of them as undergraduates; and,

Whereas(2): The Forever G.I. Bill legislation, recently passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by the U.S. President, and its associated changes to the G.I. Bill system have placed increased focus on many issues related to veterans attending college, including the issue of priority course registration for those veterans; and,

Whereas(3): Financial aid that veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces receive can require that certain classes be taken at certain times, and not getting into those classes can cause these student veterans problems with their financial well-being; and,

Whereas(4): Texas A&M University has the highest number of enrolled student veterans of any campus in the Texas A&M System, yet is one of only three system schools that does not already have priority course registration for their student veterans.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That the Student Government Association, in its role as the primary representative of the student body of Texas A&M, be officially in favor of granting priority course registration time slots to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, as defined by Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and,

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(2): That the Legislative Relations Commission be dispatched as the authorized authority in advocating for the Texas State Legislature to pass a resolution in favor of all public higher learning institutions in Texas to have some form of priority course registration for said veteran students; and,



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Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(3): That the Legislative Relations Commission be directed to work heavily with the Texas Student Government Coalition in the advocacy for this resolution; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(4): Let a copy of this bill be sent to:
Col. Gerald "Jerry" Smith '82, USMC (Ret.), Director, Veteran Resource & Support
Center
Michael Young, Texas A&M University President
Dr. Daniel Pugh, Vice President of Student Affairs
Brigadier General Joe Ramirez, Commandant of the Corps of Cadets
Adam Buckley, Corps Commander
Delta Company, Corps of Cadets
Gregory Cross, VP of Legislative Relations
The Battalion