

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 70-06

**The Student Senate
70th Session
Texas A&M University**


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Action Taken

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Jasmine Wang
Speaker of the Senate

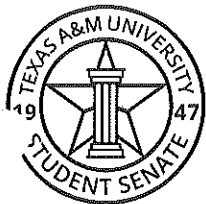
Duly Approved:


Bobby Brooks
Student Body President

Online Sexual Assault Reporting Bill

"A bill recommended to specify the criteria of an online sexual assault recording system to improve the reporting process for victims, and fight sexual assault in higher education institutions in the state of Texas."

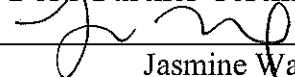
Whereas(1): The current online sexual assault reporting system, enacted by SB 968, lacks specifications on certain criteria necessary for a foolproof sexual assault reporting system.



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Whereas(2): Without the implementation of a detailed sexual assault reporting system, victims may be discouraged to come forward with the offense. The criteria below ensures ease of access to and confidentiality of the victim.

Whereas(3): The implementation of such a system would further strengthen and advance Texas A&M's core values of respect and excellence.

**Therefore
Let it be**

Enacted(1): The online reporting system mandated by SB 968 (passed in the 85th Texas legislature) must adhere to the following criteria:

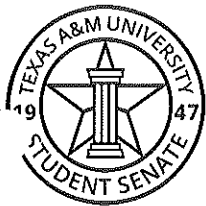
- a. Allow victims to electronically record a statement of an alleged offense. This statement must include an electronic time stamp and can be submitted at any time of user approval. Additional information can be entered into the report at any time but cannot be edited or altered after submission.
- b. Allow the victim to remain anonymous if they so choose. The reporting system must use encryption to protect the victim's identity and comply with Federal privacy laws.
- c. Allow the victim the option to submit their statement of an alleged offense if another victim from the same institution reports through the reporting system a sexual offense by the same perpetrator.
- d. Allow the victim access to previously entered information they submitted to the reporting system at any time.

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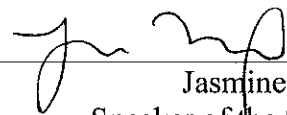
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Enacted (4): That the Legislative Relations Commission of the Texas A&M Student Government Association should undertake lobbying efforts as necessary to convey this will; and,

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Enacted(5): A copy of this bill be sent to:
Michael O'Quinn, Texas A&M Vice President of Government Relations
Dr. Daniel Pugh, Texas A&M Vice President of Student Activities
Texas State Representative Kyle Kacal, District 12
Texas State Senator Kirk Watson, District 14
Texas State Representative John Raney, District 14
Texas Senator Charles Schwertner, District 5