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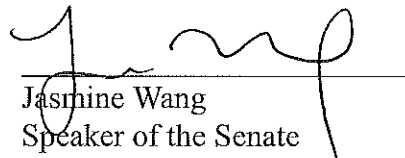
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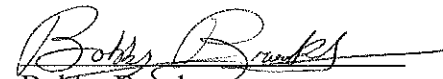
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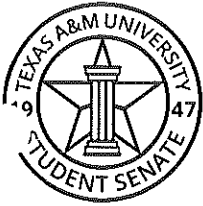
Duly Approved:


Bobby Brooks
Student Body President

Sexual Assault Medical Resource Bill

"A bill to clarify the medical resources available for Texas college students after a sexual assault has occurred on campus"

Whereas(1): All Texas hospitals, with an emergency room, must provide forensic examinations per the Texas Health and Safety Code 323.002, yet it is difficult to determine from a hospital's website if this service is in fact available, furthermore, forensic examinations play a key role in convictions of sexual predators; and,




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Whereas(2): Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (S.A.N.E.) are registered nurses who have completed specialized education and clinical preparation in the medical forensic care of the patient who has experienced sexual assault or abuse; and,

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Whereas(3): Of the top 100 colleges ranked by U.S. News and World Report of 2014, 96% of colleges in the United States do not provide their students with clear guidelines concerning medical options after a sexual assault, which results in students not receiving a forensic examination; and,

Whereas(4): The universities that do have sexual assault guidelines listed on their website, do not have this information in a convenient or common location. A sexual assault victim may not have the time or mental capability to sit down and research his or her options; and,

Whereas(5): Of the nearly 20% of women and 2% of men sexually assaulted on college campuses, the majority of sexual assault victims do not seek medical examinations and an even greater number are not reported to authorities due to guilt, embarrassment, and a lack of trust in the justice system.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That we request that hospitals make accessible to Texas A&M University the information including: how to receive a rape kit, where to receive a rape kit, and if S.A.N.E certified nurses are on staff at the location;

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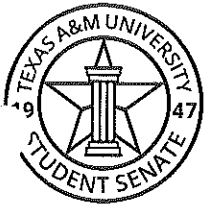
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Enacted(2): That Texas A&M University provide an accessible and comprehensive list of medical resources, from appropriate hospitals, to students seeking forensic examinations after a sexual assault and;

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Enacted(3): That the Howdy portal, application, and student health services websites provide a direct link to sexual assault information where students can find the medical resources available to them near the university,



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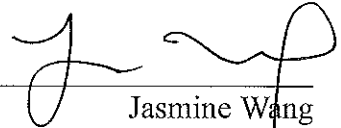
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Resolved(4): The Legislative Relations Commission shall be dispatched as the authorized authority in advocating for this Bill.

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Enacted(5): A copy of this bill be sent to:
The Battalion
Michael O'Quinn, Texas A&M Vice President of Government Relations
Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, Texas A&M Vice President of Student Affairs
Dr. Martha Dannenbaum, Texas A&M Director of Student Health Services