



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 68-49

The Student Senate
68th Session
Texas A&M University

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Action Taken

PASSED

Certified By:

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Aaron Mitchell
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Handwritten signature of Joseph Benigno in blue ink.

Joseph Benigno
Student Body President

Tax-Free Textbooks Bill

"A bill advocating for the legislature's exempting of textbooks purchased, used, or consumed by university and college students from the sales and use tax."

- Whereas(1):** Textbooks purchased by full-time or part-time students enrolled at an institution of higher education including but not limited to private and public colleges and universities, online universities, junior-colleges, as defined by Section 60.003 of the Education Code and located within the state of Texas can be a painful financial burden on said students; and,
- Whereas(2):** Purchasing or renting new or used textbooks for required or recommended textbooks or instructional materials all constitute an additional cost for many working tertiary students; and,
- Whereas(3):** the state of Texas and Texas A&M University have a vested interest in alleviating such financial burdens and effective disincentives from higher education for Texas Aggies and all Texans in general, especially when such burdens and disincentives are levied by the state itself.



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Aaron Mitchell
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Speaker of the Senate

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That the state of Texas exempt textbooks purchased, used, or consumed by all aforementioned university and college students from the sales and use tax; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (2): That the legislative ideals in this document be regarded as the will of the Texas A&M University Senate and Student Body; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (3): That the Legislative Relations Commission of the Texas A&M Student Government Association should undertake lobbying efforts as necessary to convey this will; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(4): That a copy of this bill be sent to:

John Sharp '72, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System
Michael Young, President of Texas A&M University
Charles Schwertner, Texas State Senator for District 5
Kirk Watson, Texas State Senator for District 14
Charles Perry, Texas State Senator for District 28