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Procedure Awareness In The Event of Active Shooter Bill

"A bill asking Texas A&M leadership to update and increase awareness of procedure in the event of an active shooter on campus."

Whereas(1): In light of recent incidents on other university campuses, all within two years: Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, OR (classroom) – 10 killed, 9 wounded Texas Southern University, Houston, TX (dormitory) – 1 killed, 1 wounded Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ (dormitory) - 1 killed, 3 wounded Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL (library) – 3 wounded, and;

Whereas(2): There's a lack of education of the students and faculty of Texas A&M on correct procedure in the event of an active shooter on campus, and many students have no knowledge of the correct or even safest response to an active shooter on campus;

Whereas(3): Education and awareness can decrease the risk of major tragedy occurring on campus and protect the lives of students to the utmost extent possible. At this point the only awareness provided requires one to take the time to search online, and;

Whereas(4): The campus of Texas A&M is large and therefore contains many different environments that require different responses depending on its location.
The Student Senate of Texas A&M asks that the University makes presentations at New Student Conferences on the correct procedure in these events, focusing on classrooms, highly populated areas, dorms, and any other potential on campus targets in the spirit of creating a more positive environment on campus where students are not uncertain or anxious of their response to such an event.

The Student Senate of Texas A&M asks that the University contacts all departments/faculty about addressing to their students in class, the correct response to an active shooter on a building by building basis, considering these are potentially the most sensitive locations. As well as adding a paragraph to their syllabus providing general emergency information for that building and a link to the web page listed below.

The Student Government Association of Texas A&M sends a copy of this bill to:

Michael K. Young, President, Texas A&M University
J. Michael Ragan, Texas A&M University Police Chief
Anne Reber, Dean of Student Life