



# The Student Senate

## Texas A&M University

S.B. 63-19-R64

The Student Senate  
64<sup>th</sup> Session  
Texas A&M University

**Introduced By:** Senator Scott A. Bowen, Engineering  
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**Action Taken** Passed  
May 3rd

**Certified By:** Tanner Wilson  
Tanner Wilson  
Speaker of the Senate

**Duly Approved:** Jeff Pickering '12  
Jeff Pickering  
Student Body President

**Tuition Set-Aside Opposition Bill**  
**Special Designation: Renewal**

*"A bill recommending that the Texas Legislature ends tuition set-asides at public universities."*

**Whereas(1):** In 2003, the Texas Legislature passed HB 3015, a bill that deregulated tuition and began the tuition set-aside program; and,

**Whereas(2):** 20% of all designated tuition (currently \$126.55 per semester credit hour) paid by undergraduate students is set aside for need-based financial aid programs; and,

**Whereas(3):** One-fourth of the amount set aside from undergraduate students is sent to a state-wide loan program that is available to all students of all universities in Texas, public or private; and,

**Whereas(4):** Designated tuition has increased by 165% since 2003; and,



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Further Certified By: 

Tanner Wilson  
Speaker of the Senate

**Whereas(5):** The cessation of this program and the corresponding decrease in tuition rates would save students hundreds of dollars per year.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Enacted(1):** That the students of Texas A&M University oppose the tuition set-aside program created under HB 3015; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Enacted(2):** That the Student Government Association of Texas A&M University, on behalf of the students of Texas A&M, asks the Texas Legislature to pass legislation to end the program and decrease tuition rates by the amount that was previously set aside.