



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 64-96

The Student Senate
64th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Academic Affair Chair Brody Smith, Off Campus

Action Taken

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April 18, 2012

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Tanner Wilson
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Speaker of the Senate

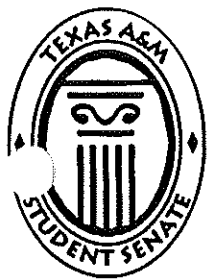
Duly Approved:

Jeff Pickering '12
Jeff Pickering 4-25-12
Student Body President

The Hazelwood Act Bill

"A bill requesting that the future of the Hazelwood Act as active policy effecting Aggie veterans and their spouses at Texas A&M University be clarified."

- Whereas(1):** There are currently less than 1000 veterans that are undergraduate and graduate students at Texas A&M University; and,
- Whereas(2):** The Hazelwood Act is an act in the Texas Education Code that allows for veterans and their dependents to pay for education costs at public universities in the state of Texas; and,
- Whereas(3):** The Hazelwood Act pays for all academic dues, fees, and charges excluding student service fees and non-taxable continuing education fees; and,
- Whereas(4):** The Hazelwood Act makes a provision for veterans spouses and children to be able to apply for aide under the Hazelwood Act is they are related to a veteran that has died while serving or has been physically disabled making them ineligible for employment after serving in the US military; and



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Whereas(5): Several university administrators have made comments regarding adequate funding for the Hazelwood Act at Texas A&M regarding the dependents and spouses of veterans being stopped; and,

Whereas(6): The Veterans Task Force has raised several questions regarding whether or not The Hazelwood Act will continue to provide aid to the spouses and dependents of Veterans at Texas A&M.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That the Student Government Association of Texas A&M University supports the opening of a dialogue between the Student Government Association and the campus administration to discuss the future allowance of the Hazelwood Act being extended to veteran spouses and dependents applying to Texas A&M University; and,

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Enacted(2): That a consensus surrounding the future of the Hazelwood Act regarding veteran spouses and dependents be formed before the beginning of the 83rd Legislative Session; and,

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Enacted(3): That the Student Government Association on behalf of the Students of Texas A&M University requests that the Texas Legislature finance this unfunded mandate; and,

Let it be

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Enacted(4): That a copy of this legislation be sent to the following faculty members with 5 days of being passed in Senate:

- Texas A&M University President Bowen Loftin
- EVP for Academic Affairs Karen Watson
- VP for Student Affairs Lt Gen Joe Weber
- Ann Kenimir, Associate Provost For Undergraduate Studies
- Faculty Senate Speaker Dr. Mike Benedict
- The Department of Financial Aid