Texas A&M University
The Student Senate
72nd Session

Implementation of a Fall Break Bill

"A bill to implement a "fall break" into Texas A&M's fall academic calendar."

Action Taken: 12/04/19

Certified By: Eric Mendoza
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed: 12/04/19

Duly Approved: Mikey Jailet
Student Body President

Introduced By: Mikey Jailet, Student Body President
Eric Mendoza, Speaker of the Student Senate

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Whereas(1): The Southeastern Conference has fourteen universities, nine of whom have a "fall break" in their academic calendars; and,
Whereas(2): The nine peer universities with “fall breaks” are the University of Arkansas, Auburn University, University of Georgia, University of Kentucky, Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, University of South Carolina, University of Tennessee, and Vanderbilt University; and,

Whereas(3): Texas A&M University’s fall academic calendar is sixteen weeks long with no holidays included, other than Thanksgiving break and reading days associated with examinations, making the total number of holidays for the fall semester two; and,

Whereas(4): Texas A&M University’s spring academic calendar is seventeen weeks long with one holiday other than spring break and the reading days associated with examinations, making the total number of holidays in the spring semester six; and,

Whereas(5): Having a “fall break” added to Texas A&M Universities fall academic calendar would give students the ability to rest and focus on their mental health after recent midterms.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): The Texas A&M University Student Government Association requests that the Office of the Registrar, along with the Office of the Provost add a “fall break” to the fall 2020 academic calendar that does not affect the current Thanksgiving break; and,

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Further
Enacted (2): For the convenience of Texas A&M University staff and faculty The Texas A&M University Student Government Association requests that the new “fall break” be scheduled in the month of October in alignment with local school districts holidays; and,

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Enacted (3): The Texas A&M University Student Government Association looks forward to working with the offices of the President, Provost, and Registrar to implement a “fall break”.

SIGNED IN OPEN SESSION:

Speaker of the Senate

Eric Mendloza
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Further
Enacted(4): A copy of this bill be sent to:
President Michael K. Young
Dr. Carol A. Fierke, Provost and Executive Vice-President
Venesa A. Heidick, Registrar of Texas A&M University
Dr. Andrew Klein, Speaker of the Faculty Senate
The Battalion