The Student Senate
Texas A&M University

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73rd Session

Student Health Fee Cap Bill

"A bill supporting a Fee Cap Increase for Student Health Services"

Action Taken: PASSED

Certified By: Zachary McCue
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved: Eric Mendoza
Student Body President

Introduced By: Cedrick Mattli, Vice President, Legislative Relations Commission
Josh Feldman, Legislative Relations Chair, Off Campus Caucus
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Whereas(1): Texas A&M Student Health Services exists to advance student development and academic success by providing personalized and evidence-based healthcare to Aggies; and,

Whereas(2): 70% of Student Health Services' funding comes from the Student Health Fee (SHF), while the remaining 30% of funding comes from medical services
revenues such as medical office visits, ambulance runs, lab tests, x-rays, etc\(^1\); and,

Whereas(3): As the current Student Health Services building, A.P. Beutel, currently stands, internal renovations are estimated to cost $12 million over the next 5-10 years\(^2\); and,

Whereas(4): Greater Student Health Services’ funding is also needed for the hiring of additional staff, to maintain and expand patient care for pre-existing services, due to increasing student enrollment; and,

Whereas(5): In Fall 2018, the SHF increased to $75 per semester, hitting its legislative cap; and,

Whereas(6): The SHF cap is controlled by the Texas State legislature, and was last changed in 1995 when the Texas A&M student population was 41,790\(^3\); and,

Whereas(7): An increase to the SHF cap will allow Texas A&M’s Student Health Services greater flexibility in the future to adjust due to increasing student enrollment and the creation of necessary services related to COVID-19; and,

Whereas(8): The division of student affairs has engaged in numerous projects that will uplift our campus, and better the aggie community; and,

Whereas(9): Following an extensive renovation on both the MSC and Rudder tower, there was a 2.2 million dollar loss in revenue due to COVID-19 according to the division of student affairs.

\(^1\) Texas A&M University Student Health Services 2018-2019 Annual Report
\(^2\) Texas A&M University Student Health Services 2018-2019 Annual Report
\(^3\)
Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1):
First, the student body and its student leaders recognize the essential role that
Student Health Services has on our campus in providing accessible, affordable
health services to Texas A&M University; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(2):
Second, the student body and its student leaders acknowledge that the
responsibilities of Student Health Services have dramatically increased in the
wake of this global pandemic; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(3):
The Texas A&M Student Senate would like to request that the Texas State
legislature increase the SHF cap from the current $75 to $200; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(4):
The Texas A&M Student Senate would like to request that the Texas State
legislature increase the University Center Fee Cap; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(5):
The legislative ideals within this document be regarded as the will of the Texas
A&M Student Body as well as the Texas A&M Student Government Association;
and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(6):
The the Legislative Relations Commission of the Texas A&M Student
Government Association is tasked and given authority in advocating for this bill
and the ideals outlined within it on behalf of the Texas A&M Student Body; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted(7):
That a copy of this resolution be sent to:
Michael O’Quinn, Vice President of Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives
John Sharp ’72, Chancellor of the Texas A&M University System
Michael Young, President of the Texas A&M University
Michael G. O’Quinn, Vice President for Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives
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