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A Bill -

A bill entitled "Bobcat Bounty Donation Act" which amends the Budget Authorization Act of 2018 to direct the remaining Student Government funds from fiscal year 2018 to the Bobcat Bounty program through purchase and donation of food stuff.

- 1 **WHEREAS:** According to the Hays County Food Bank 40% of Texas
- 2 State students experience some form of food
- 3 insecurity; and
- 4 **WHEREAS:** Food insecurity can reduce student's academic
- 5 performance, affect mental health, and has physical
- 6 health side effects; and
- 7 **WHEREAS:** Student Government's budget comes from an allocation
- 8 of the Student Service Fee which follows the State of
- 9 Texas fiscal year calendar rules, the state fiscal
- 10 year starts on September 1st of one year and ends on
- 11 August 31st of the next year; and
- 12 **WHEREAS:** The Dean of Students office observes a period of
- 13 reduced spending 30 days prior to the end of the
- 14 fiscal year in order to reconcile financial records;
- 15 and

22 **WHEREAS:** Instead of returning the remaining funds to the
23 reserve balance, Student Government should use the
24 remaining funds to purchase canned and nonperishable
25 food stuffs and donate them to Bobcat Bounty to
26 support their efforts to feed food insecure Bobcats
27 across campus; therefore

ARTICLE II. DONATION TO BOBCAT BOUNTY

BOBCAT BOUNTY DONATION. For Fiscal Year 2018 the Director of Finance shall work with the Dean of Students office or designee to identify how much money will remain in Student Government's student service fee allocation after payment of all remaining obligations on or before July 15. Upon identifying the remaining amount after payment of all obligations and with the advice of the Dean of Students and relevant staff, the President shall, on or before August 25, 2019, authorize a purchase of canned or nonperishable food stuff with the remaining balance of student service fee funds and donate the food stuff to Bobcat Bounty through the Food Security Learning Community as administered through the Food and Nutrition Program in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences under the College of Applied Arts.

- 43 (a) A purchase for donation under this Act shall only be permitted in the event that the
44 student service fee allocation for Student Government has a remaining positive
45 balance on August 25, 2019, and the donation will not cause the account to become
46 overdrawn.
- 47 (b) The Director of Finance will work with the Bobcat Bounty Steering Committee
48 members to identify preferred donatable items.
- 49 (c) The Director of Finance is directed to make a written report to the Senate on or
50 before September 1, 2019, reporting the status of the donation and amounts of funds
51 used.
- 52 (d) If the donation is not completed the Director of Finance will provide a detailed
53 written justification to the Senate by September 5, 2019.
- 54 (e) If no acting or confirmed Director of Finance is in place by the due dates in this Act,
55 the President or designee shall assume all responsibilities under this Act.