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**A Bill-**

**A bill entitled “Bobcat Bounty Donation Act” which amends the Budget Authorization Act of 2019 to direct $1,000 from the Student Government funds from the fiscal year 2019 to the Bobcat Bounty program through the purchase and donation of food stuff.**

**WHEREAS:** In 2017, Texas State University professor Hannah Thornton found during a quantitative survey of 1,300 students that 40.6% of were food insecure (Richardson, 2018); and

**WHEREAS:**  Food insecurity can negatively impact a student’s general wellbeing and academic performance; and

**WHEREAS:**  Student Government’s budget is an allocation from the Student Service Fee, a mandatory fee for all students, which operates under the State of Texas’ fiscal year calendar rules, beginning on September 1st of one year and ending on August 31st of the following year; and

**WHEREAS:**  The allocation of funds by the Student Service Fee for the Student Government is not considered a “rollover” account, meaning any leftover or otherwise unutilized funds by Student Government will be absorbed by the Student Service Fee reserve fund balance and will not be available for use by Student Government in the upcoming fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS:**  Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent movement of classes online, Student Government will have a budget surplus at the end of the fiscal year and should utilize the surplus of $1,000 to purchase food stuff to donate to Bobcat Bounty to help fight food insecurity amongst our fellow Bobcats; therefore

**BE IT ENACTED:** The S.G.C. Title VIII §101 – “Budget Authorization

Act of 2019” be amended by inserting a Section 2 with the following provision:

**ARTICLE II. DONATION TO BOBCAT BOUNTY**

§2 **BOBCAT BOUNTY DONATION.** For Fiscal Year 2019 the President shall, on or before August 25, 2020, authorize the purchase of canned or nonperishable food stuff totaling $1,000 of the Student Service Fee funds and donate those canned or nonperishable 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.

1. A purchase for donation under this act shall only occur if Student Service Fee funds for Student Government remain to be at least $1,000 on or before August 25, 2020, and the donation would not occur in an overdraft of the account.
2. The Director of Finance and President will work with the Bobcat Bounty Steering Committee members to identify preferred or needed canned or nonperishable food stuff.
3. The Director of Finance is directed to make a written report to the Senate on or before September 1, 2020 reporting the status of the donations and the funds utilized.
4. If no donation has occurred or is not completed by August 25, 2020, the Director of Finance will provide a written justification to the Senate on or before September 5, 2020.
5. If no acting or confirmed Director of Finance is in place by the dates identified in this Act, the President or President’s designee shall assume all responsibilities under this Act.