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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.

WHEREAS: According to the Hays County Food Bank 40% of Texas State students experience some form of food insecurity; and

WHEREAS: Food insecurity can reduce student’s academic performance, affect mental health, and has physical health side effects; and

WHEREAS: Student Government’s budget comes from an allocation of the Student Service Fee which follows the State of Texas fiscal year calendar rules, the state fiscal year starts on September 1st of one year and ends on August 31st of the next year; and

WHEREAS: The Dean of Students office observes a period of reduced spending 30 days prior to the end of the fiscal year in order to reconcile financial records; and
WHEREAS: The student service fee allocation for Student Government is not considered a “rollover” account; meaning what money Student Government does not spend is drawn back into the student service fee reserve fund balance and is not useable by Student Government in the subsequent fiscal year; and

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

BE IT ENACTED: That S.G.C. Title VIII. §101.2 – “Budget Authorization Act of 2018” be amended by inserting a Section 2 with the following provision:

ARTICLE II. DONATION TO BOBCAT BOUNTY

§2 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.
(a) A purchase for donation under this Act shall only be permitted in the event that the student service fee allocation for Student Government has a remaining positive balance on August 25, 2019, and the donation will not cause the account to become overdrawn.

(b) The Director of Finance will work with the Bobcat Bounty Steering Committee members to identify preferred donatable items.

(c) The Director of Finance is directed to make a written report to the Senate on or before September 1, 2019, reporting the status of the donation and amounts of funds used.

(d) If the donation is not completed the Director of Finance will provide a detailed written justification to the Senate by September 5, 2019.

(e) If no acting or confirmed Director of Finance is in place by the due dates in this Act, the President or designee shall assume all responsibilities under this Act.