A bill to be entitled – “Sensitivity Training Act”, relating to a requirement of all members of Student Government to attend sensitivity training for marginalized communities provided by offices and/or departments at Texas State University during their first semester as a member in order to better serve our constituents.

WHEREAS: The members of Student Government are elected/appointed to serve the diverse student population at Texas State University as per our shared value, “A diversity of people and ideas, a spirit of inclusiveness, a global perspective, and a sense of community as essential conditions for campus life,” (Texas State University Website: Mission, Values and Goals) and;

WHEREAS: The student population at Texas State University includes many diverse communities such as, but not limited to LGBTQIA+, Veterans, Undocumented Students, Students of Color, etc. all of which should be served to the best of the ability of the members of Student Government, and;
WHEREAS: Texas State University offices such as the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion provide community-specific sensitivity training that is available to all students, faculty and staff throughout the semester at various times on campus, and;

WHEREAS: Some of the trainings that are currently available are Ally Training for students, faculty and staff, and Veterans Training for faculty and staff;

WHEREAS: Offices such as the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion may create new trainings for various other populations in the future;

WHEREAS: The main purpose of the members of Student Government is to serve all students, including those within special populations and marginalized groups;

WHEREAS: Members of Student Government should be educated on how to better serve students in these special populations so they can fulfill their role as a voice for students.

BE IT ENACTED: That Student Government Code, Title IX, Subtitle I, Chapter 104 - MEMBERSHIP STANDARDS, Article I be Amended to Include the Following;
§5 Required Sensitivity Training: Members of all branches of Student Government at Texas State University shall be required to attend at least one sensitivity training as provided by an office or department at Texas State University such as Ally Training through the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion.

A) Members shall be required to attend sensitivity training within 6 months of their swearing in date and shall submit proof of attendance to the Senate Pro Tempore within 10 business days of completing the training.

B) Members can attend the sensitivity training of their choosing as long as it is recognized by Texas State University.

C) All effective members of Student Government at the time of the effective implementation of this legislation are required to provide proof of their attendance to at least one sensitivity training within 6 months of the implementation of this legislation.

D) Failing to meet the above requirements in the allotted time will lead to removal from Student Government position.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: This legislation be forwarded to the Student Body President for further action.