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**A Bill -**

**To be known as “Freshman Forum Authorization Act,” to provide freshman students with an opportunity to voice their concerns in a collaborative multi-series event that directly engages freshmen with Student Government leadership.**

1. **WHEREAS:** Texas State University is an institution that
2. prides itself on having high standards, including
3. an environment that facilitates communicative
4. growth; and
5. **WHEREAS:** Texas State University acknowledges that students
6. have diverse ideas contributing to the betterment
7. of the campus and upholding said standards; and
8. **WHEREAS:** There currently is not an established resource for
9. freshmen to voice to and compile concerns for their
10. peers that can be addressed systematically by
11. their representatives; and
12. **WHEREAS:** In providing a receptive Student Government body
13. for freshmen to voice their concerns, Texas State
14. can address issues which pertain specifically to
15. freshmen as well as other classes of students; and
16. **WHEREAS:** Providing a receptive Study Government body would develop insight and further stimulate dialogue between the student body and their representatives; therefore
17. **BE IT ENACTED:** That the Texas State University Student
18. Government establish a Freshman Forum event
19. in order to encourage interaction and a
20. free exchange of ideas, thereby giving
21. Student Government a stellar basis on which
22. to brainstorm and address the concerns of
23. its students; and
24. **BE IT ENACTED:** That the Student Government Code be amended
25. to add
26. **SUBTITLE I- MISCELLANEOUS**
27. **CHAPTER 108- FRESHMAN FORUM AUTHORIZATION ACT**
28. **Article I- ADMINISTRATIVE**
29. **1 AUTHORIZATION.** This bill is authorized by Article III
30. Section 10(a) and 10(j) of the Student
31. Government Constitution.
32. **2 PURPOSE.** Freshman Council is a representative group for
33. the freshman class, and therefore should be
34. responsible for giving them a voice. In creating
35. a Freshman Forum, it will make it easier for
36. freshmen to relay information and ideas to
37. freshman representatives, and make Student
38. Government more accessible to the students. In
39. enacting this document, “Freshman Forum” will
40. occur at least once per semester. “Freshman Forum” will be an inclusive discussion among Freshman
41. Council members and the students, and create
42. dialogue about issues on campus and how to
43. resolve them, pushing for positive change. Doing
44. so will permit steady development from an
45. important source of students who can provide a
46. new perspective to the university.
47. **3 COMPOSITION.** “Freshman Forum” should be comprised of the
48. Student Senate Director of Freshman Council,
49. the current members of Freshman Council, and
50. any freshmen or first-year students. It may
51. Include, but is not limited to former
52. members of the Freshman Council, faculty and
53. staff of Texas State University, and
54. current/former student Senators.
55. **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED:** That upon passage, this bill be
56. forwarded to Student Body President
57. Connor Clegg for further action.