A Resolution –

To be known as “A Resolution Calling on the Texas State University Police Department to Release all UPD Incident Data since 2016” which demands that the University Police Department provide a nonconfidential release of UPD incident data collected by the department since 2016 and directing the Student Body President to issue a letter to the US Department of Education asking them to launch an official inquiry if the University fails to comply with this resolution.

1 WHEREAS: Student Government serves as the official voice for students at Texas State University; and

2 WHEREAS: The University Police Department (UPD) serves as the officially recognized law enforcement on the Texas State University campuses1; and,  

3 WHEREAS: UPD publicly commits to adhering to a set of values which in part include: Transparency – availability of information for effective collaboration and

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1 https://www.police.txstate.edu/about/history-and-mission.html
cooperation with our community; **Integrity** - uphold the highest ethical standards\(^2\); and

**WHEREAS:** In a recent [*article published by the Texas Tribune*](https://www.police.txstate.edu/about/history-and-mission.html) it was revealed that the University Police Department failed to accurately report incidents on campus through the Clery Act including incidents of sexual violence in and around campus; and

**WHEREAS:** The crime statistics and public reporting on the University Police Department website under the [60-day Crime and Fire Log](https://www.police.txstate.edu/about/history-and-mission.html) does not include all reportable incidents under the Clery Act; and

**WHEREAS:** Laws like the Clery Act are minimum federal guidelines and should not be used as the only industry accepted standard by which to release information to the public, especially students at high risk such as students attending a college or university; and

**WHEREAS:** Texas State University prides itself on striving to be better than other institutions in the state, and the University Police Department includes a core value for innovation; and

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\(^2\) [https://www.police.txstate.edu/about/history-and-mission.html](https://www.police.txstate.edu/about/history-and-mission.html)
WHEREAS: As such the university administration should never use examples of other institutions failings to deflect from our own shortcomings; and

WHEREAS: In the interest of transparency and innovation the University Police Department should reform the way it reports and provides information to the public on any incident that occurs on or around campus, including but not limited to those incidents that fall under the Clery Act; and

BE IT RESOLVED: The Student Government at Texas State University, through the advocacy of its Senators and Student Body President, explicitly demand that the University Police Department immediately release all incident information collected by the department or its partners since 2016 in a similar format to the 60 Day Crime and Fire Log found on the UPD website with information including the nature of the incident, a case number if one was assigned, date and time reported, date and time occurred, general location, disposition, and any relevant information about any arrested person(s); and
BE IT RESOLVED: The Student Government demands this information be provided to the Student Body President, in a format that is not confidential, within 60 days of passage; and

BE IT RESOLVED: The Student Government directs the Student Body President to write a letter to the U.S. Department of Education asking them to open an official Review into the University policing policies and practices as well as Clary Act reporting processes and statistics should the University not affirmatively respond to this legislation within the prescribed timeframe; and

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