

**The Student Senate  
65th Session  
Texas A&M University**

**Introduced By:** Senator Chris Woolsey, Northside

**Action Taken** \_\_\_\_\_

**Certified By:** \_\_\_\_\_

Scott A. Bowen  
Speaker of the Senate

**Duly Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_

John L. Claybrook  
Student Body President

**The GLBT Funding Opt-Out Bill**

*“A bill requesting that students who object to funding the GLBT Resource Center through their student fees and tuition for religious reasons be allowed to opt out from funding same.”*

- Whereas(1):** Texas A&M University is a public institution, and as such, has an obligation to spend students’ money in ways that reflect the values of the students who pay that money; and,
- Whereas(2):** Many students disagree with the use of student fee and tuition money to pay for a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered (GLBT) Resource Center for religious reasons; and,
- Whereas(3):** While it can be argued that the GLBT Resource Center is a worthy use of funds in order to provide a welcoming environment for vulnerable populations at Texas A&M, it is reasonable for students to object to a use of their own money that is in direct opposition to their own religious values; and,
- Whereas(4):** Students should be informed as well as possible about how their money is used.

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Scott A. Bowen  
Speaker of the Senate

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Enacted(1):** That the Texas A&M Student Government Association shall support allowing students who object, for religious purposes, to the use of their student fees and tuition to fund this center to opt out of paying an amount equal to their share of the Center's funding from their fee and tuition bills; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Enacted (2):** That a copy of this bill shall be sent to:

- Mrs. B. J. Crain, Chief Financial Officer
- Dr R. Bowen Loftin, President of Texas A&M
- Mr. John Sharp, Chancellor, A&M System
- The members of the Texas A&M Board of Regents