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A Bill-

2 To be entitled "Student Government Scholarship Eligibility Act"
3 relating to amending the criteria for the Student Government
4 Scholarship.

5 **WHEREAS:** The current criteria for the Student Government
6 Scholarship in Chapter 302 Article II section (e) of the Student
7 Government Code of Laws states that applicants must not receive
8 any need-based grants, thereby excluding students who receive
9 need-based grants or funds from consideration for the
10 scholarship; and

11 **WHEREAS:** This criterion creates an inequitable barrier for
12 deserving students who rely on need-based aid to pursue this
13 scholarship; and

14 **WHEREAS:** Many qualified and deserving students may be excluded
15 from accessing financial assistance due to this restriction;
16 and

17 **WHEREAS:** It is imperative to promote equal opportunity for all
18 students seeking financial assistance for their education; and

19 **WHEREAS:** There is a viable solution to address this issue by
20 introducing a more inclusive eligibility criterion for the
21 Student Government Scholarship; therefore,

22 **BE IT ENACTED:** Chapter 300 Article II Section (e) of the Student
23 Government Code of Laws regarding the Student Government
24 Scholarship criteria be amended to remove the restriction on
25 receiving need-based grants as a disqualifying factor for
26 consideration of the Texas State Students Government Scholarship
27 and read as follows "Grants, Loans, scholarships, and work study
28 are forms of financial aid that applicants may be receiving";
29 and

30 **BE IT FURTHER ENACTED:** That this legislation be forwarded to the
31 Student Body President for further action.