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**Bill F-24-03**  
**Cultural Events Budget Protection**

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- Whereas:** The Sam Houston State University Student Government Association acts as the “Official Voice of the Student Body”; and,
- Whereas:** Senate Bill 17 limits the ability of higher education institutions to participate in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI);
- Whereas:** The Sam Houston State University Student Government Association has the opportunity and ability to host a variety of culturally significant events through its “Cultural Events” Budget;
- Whereas:** These celebratory events benefit the student body by informing them on current celebrations, past celebrations, and cultures that ensure each student feels a sense of belonging and is able to create connections with other students in their culture at Sam Houston State University;
- Whereas:** Without the “Cultural Events” Budget allocation, events such as Black Renaissance (Black History Month) or Latin Night (Hispanic Heritage Month) would not be able to happen without the entire amount allocated toward them;
- Whereas:** The budget for these “Cultural Events” is allocated from the SHSU Student Government Association budget which is then distributed by the Student Body Treasurer;
- Therefore:** SHSU’s Student Government Association Treasurers shall allocate at least 9% of the Association’s budget towards the “Cultural Events Budget” and,

This budget allocation shall continue to be voted on and confirmed by the senate on the first senate meeting;

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**Jared Scott  
President**

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**April Salmeron  
Secretary**

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