

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note***NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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**BILL TOPIC:** RELIGIOUS FREEDOM STUDENT GROUPS HIGHER ED

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill prohibits a state institution of higher education from denying a religious student group any benefit available to other student groups based solely on the religious student group's requirement that its leaders adhere to sincerely held religious beliefs or standards of conduct.

Among other available benefits, a religious student group may not be denied the use of facilities for meetings or events, access to the institution's available channels of communication, or funding sources otherwise available to other student groups through the school.

**Assessment**

This bill does not change state appropriations for the system of higher education, the expenditures of the Department of Higher Education, or the institutional expenditures or revenue of any school or system. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

**State and Local Government Contacts**

Higher Education