

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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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 was postponed indefinitely by the House Education Committee on February 9, 2015.

State and Local Government Contacts

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