

## Amendment: 17

**Representative Cobb-Hunter proposes the following amendment:**

### **Section 117- General Provisions**

New:

**117.fsp.** (GP: Free Speech Protection) Students attending public institutions of higher education in this State shall have the right to engage in constitutionally protected free speech, including the expression of diverse or differing viewpoints, without fear of sanction or disciplinary action. The same shall apply to faculty and staff of these institutions. No public institution of higher education receiving state appropriations may penalize, discipline, or otherwise take adverse action against a student, student organization, faculty or staff member, solely based on lawful speech or expression.