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Summary: Campus Free Expression Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "CAMPUS FREE EXPRESSION ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-810 SO AS TO DEFINE CONDUCT THAT MATERIALLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY DISRUPTS EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-820 SO AS TO PROTECT FREE EXPRESSION RIGHTS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-830 SO AS TO LIST FREE EXPRESSION RIGHTS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-840 SO AS TO IDENTIFY PUBLICLY-ACCESSIBLE OUTDOOR AREAS OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION CAMPUSES AS PUBLIC FORUMS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-850, SECTION 59-101-860, SECTION 59-101-870, AND SECTION 59-101-880 SO AS TO GUARANTEE EXISTENT EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITY PROTECTION; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-890 SO AS TO PERMIT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO CHARGE SECURITY FEES FOR EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITIES BASED ON NEUTRAL CRITERIA; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-900, SECTION 59-101-910, AND SECTION 59-101-920, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CAUSES OF ACTION FOLLOWING A VIOLATION OF EXPRESSIVE RIGHTS.

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