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H 4750 General Bill, By G.R. Smith, Burns, Trantham, Long, Stringer, Magnuson, McCravy, Oremus and Haddon

Summary: Student and Faculty Freedom of Religious Speech Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "STUDENT AND FACULTY FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS SPEECH ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-437 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT POLICIES TO ESTABLISH LIMITED PUBLIC FORUMS FOR STUDENT SPEAKERS AT SCHOOL EVENTS AT WHICH STUDENTS MAY PUBLICLY SPEAK, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE POLICIES, TO PROVIDE STUDENT EXPRESSION ON OTHERWISE PERMISSIBLE SUBJECTS MAY NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM THESE LIMITED PUBLIC FORUMS BECAUSE THE SUBJECTS ARE EXPRESSED FROM A RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINT, AND TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A RELATED MODEL POLICY; BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-439 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL FACULTY AND EMPLOYEES MAY ENGAGE IN CERTAIN RELIGIOUS-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE COURSE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT, AND TO DEFINE RELATED TERMINOLOGY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ACT.

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