

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB493

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Lingamfelter

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Limited public forums for student religious viewpoint expression; school division policy.

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would require each school division to adopt a policy to permit a student speaker to express a religious viewpoint at all school events at which a student is permitted to publicly speak. The policy is to declare each such school event to be a limited public forum, provide a neutral method for the selection of student speakers, and require each school principal to provide a disclaimer in advance of each such school event that the school division does not endorse any religious viewpoint that may be expressed by student speakers.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill would require local school divisions to adopt policies regarding student speech. The bill will not impact state finances. Any fiscal impact to local school divisions cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: Identical to SB556.

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