

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB36

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

2. Patron: Hurst

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Student journalists; freedom of speech and the press.

5. Summary: Declares that, except in certain limited circumstances, a student journalist at a public institution of higher education has the right to exercise freedom of speech and the press in school-sponsored media, including determining the news, opinion, feature, and advertising content of school-sponsored media, regardless of whether the media is supported financially by the governing board, supported through the use of campus facilities, or produced in conjunction with a course in which the student is enrolled. The bill defines "school-sponsored media" as any material that is prepared, substantially written, published, or broadcast by a student journalist at a public institution of higher education under the direction of a student media adviser and distributed or generally made available to members of the student body.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Any fiscal implications to public institutions of higher education resulting from the provisions of this bill are indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Public institutions of higher education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None