

## **Department of Planning and Budget**

### **2019 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB2382

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| <b>House of Origin</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Introduced   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> | Engrossed |
| <b>Second House</b>    | <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 elementary or secondary school or 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 school board, supported through the use of school facilities in the school division, or produced in conjunction with a course or class 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 elementary or secondary school or 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 impact to local school divisions resulting from the provisions of this bill is indeterminate.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None