

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB36

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: 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 middle school or high 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 or governing board, supported through the use of school or campus facilities, or produced in conjunction with a class or 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 middle school or high 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 implications to local school divisions or public institutions of higher education resulting from the provisions of this bill are indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local school divisions and public institutions of higher education

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: Companion bill to SB80.