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S 0472 General Bill, By Campsen, Gregory, S. Martin, Shealy, Massey, Thurmond, Bright, Bryant, Davis, Turner, Young, Alexander, Grooms, Verdin, Hayes, Corbin, Bennett, Hembree, Fair and L. Martin

Summary: Student Association Freedom of Religion Act

A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EDUCATION, TO ENACT THE "STUDENT ASSOCIATION FREEDOM OF RELIGION ACT", BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-436 TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS RELATED TO THE ACT, AND THAT NO PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL TAKE ANY ACTION OR ENFORCE ANY POLICY THAT WOULD DENY A RELIGIOUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION ANY BENEFIT AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION BASED ON THE RELIGIOUS STUDENT ASSOCIATION'S REQUIREMENT THAT ITS LEADERS OR MEMBERS ADHERE TO ITS SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS OR STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.

02/28/13 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 11)
02/28/13 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 11)
03/20/13 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 15)