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Proposed Bill No. 5796

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Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:

REP. FRANCE, 42nd Dist.	REP. FIORELLO, 149th Dist.
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AN ACT CONCERNING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND OF THE PRESS FOR STUDENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That titles 10 and 10a of the general statutes be amended to provide
2 students attending public schools, colleges and universities in this state
3 with the right to exercise freedom of speech, of assembly, and that such
4 exercise or the expression of a student's religious or political viewpoints
5 shall be free from discrimination or penalty based on the religious or
6 political content of such expression, provided such expression is not
7 obscene as to minors, is libelous or slanderous, or incites students as to
8 create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts,
9 the violation of school regulations, or the material and substantial
10 disruption of the orderly operation of the school.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect student expression and student publications except when such expression or publications are obscene, libelous, slanderous or disrupt school activities.