

# SENATE BILL No. 302

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 21-39-8.

**Synopsis:** Campus speech. Requires each state educational institution to adopt policies protecting free speech.

**Effective:** July 1, 2018.

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January 4, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning higher education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 21-39-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS  
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2018]:

4 **Chapter 8. Campus Free Speech**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "free speech zone" means a**  
6 **specific area of a state educational institution that is designated to**  
7 **be a place where an individual may engage in free speech or**  
8 **self-expression.**

9 **Sec. 2. (a) The board of trustees of each state educational**  
10 **institution shall adopt policies that affirm the following principles**  
11 **of free speech:**

- 12 (1) **A student should have the broadest latitude to speak,**
- 13 **write, listen, challenge, and learn.**
- 14 (2) **A state educational institution shall be a place where the**
- 15 **free exchange of ideas exists.**
- 16 (3) **A student, faculty member, or employee shall not obstruct**
- 17 **or interfere with the freedom of an individual to express the**



- 1           **individual's views.**
- 2           **(4) Free speech may not be restricted to a free speech zone.**
- 3           **(5) Spontaneous assemblies may not be subject to permitting**
- 4           **requirements of the state educational institution.**
- 5           **(6) Speakers invited to campus shall not be disinvited because**
- 6           **the speaker may be considered offensive by some individuals.**
- 7           **(b) The policies adopted under subsection (a) may permit**
- 8           **reasonable restrictions to prohibit an individual from disrupting**
- 9           **classes, guest speakers, graduation ceremonies, and other stated**
- 10           **educational institution events.**

