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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for the creation of a policy on free expression and for the adoption of regulations and restrictions of free expression on college campuses.

Proposed law provides for a state policy on free expression on public college and university campuses, including the following major components:

- (1) Requires each of the management boards of the state institutions of postsecondary education to develop and adopt a policy on free expression that contains specific enumerated statements and provisions.
- (2) Requires the Bd. of Regents to create a committee on free expression to issue annual reports of the status of free expression on college campuses based upon various metrics.
- (3) Authorizes the management boards to adopt regulations to further the purposes of the adopted policy.
- (4) Requires state institutions of postsecondary education to include in freshman orientation programs a description of the free expression policies and regulations.
- (5) Authorizes state institutions of postsecondary education to restrict expressive conduct within certain limitations.
- (6) Creates a cause of action for injunction, damages, court costs, and attorney fees available to the attorney general or a person whose expressive rights are violated by a violation of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 17:3399.31-3399.36)