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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Owen to Engrossed House Bill No. 1008 by Representative Owen

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, at the end of line 6, delete "to provide for penalties;"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, at the end of line 9, delete "to provide for" and at the beginning of line 10, delete
5 "applicability;"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, between lines 11 and 12, insert the following:

8 "Section 1. The legislature finds that academic freedom and the free
9 exchange of ideas are essential to the mission of public postsecondary
10 education in Louisiana. Faculty members must be free to teach, conduct
11 research, publish, and engage in the rigorous exchange of ideas and evidence
12 to educate students. This Act protects legitimate academic freedom and free
13 speech while preserving the authority of institutions to enforce professional
14 standards of conduct."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 4

16 On page 1, at the beginning of line 12, delete "Section 1." and insert "Section 2."

17 AMENDMENT NO. 5

18 On page 2, line 3, after "and" delete the remainder of the line and insert the following:

19 "any applicable state law. Academic freedom includes the freedom to educate
20 and to engage in the open exchange of ideas and evidence but does not
21 include threatening, intimidating, harassing, demeaning, abusive, or coercive
22 language or conduct."

23 AMENDMENT NO. 6

24 On page 2, at the end of line 8, insert the following:

25 "This protection does not include threatening, intimidating, harassing,
26 demeaning, or coercive conduct."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 7

28 On page 3, line 7, after "through" and before "of this" delete "(c)" and insert "(d)"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 3, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

3 "(3) The protections of this Subsection apply only when the faculty
4 member's conduct is consistent with any applicable state law and does not
5 involve threatening, demeaning, intimidating, harassing, abusive, or coercive
6 language or conduct."

7 AMENDMENT NO. 9

8 On page 3, delete lines 10 through 29 and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 8 and insert
9 the following:

10 "C.(1) A faculty member aggrieved by a violation of Paragraph
11 (B)(1) of this Section may seek all remedies available to civil plaintiffs
12 under applicable state and federal law."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 10

14 On page 4, line 9, delete "(3) In accordance with Article X," and insert the following:

15 "(2) In accordance with Article XII,"

16 AMENDMENT NO. 11

17 On page 4, at the beginning of line 12, delete "E." and insert "D."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 12

19 On page 4, line 12, after "do" and before "of" delete "either" and insert "any"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 13

21 On page 4, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

22 "(3) Limit or restrict the authority of an institution to enforce
23 standards of professional conduct, including but not limited to prohibitions
24 on threats, intimidation, harassment, or demeaning or abusive language as
25 provided in any applicable state law, Board of Regents policies, or
26 institutional policies."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 14

28 On page 4, at the beginning of line 22, delete "F." and insert "E."

29 AMENDMENT NO. 15

30 On page 4, at the beginning of line 25, delete "G." and insert "F."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 16

32 On page 4, delete lines 28 and 29 in their entirety