

Subject Student journalism
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Overview

This bill establishes student journalist statutory rights to free speech and freedom of the press, and lists types of speech that are not protected under the new section of law. Prohibits retaliation against a student media adviser that supports a student journalist exercising rights. Requires schools to adopt a policy.

Summary

| Section | Description |
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| 1 | Student journalism; student expression. |
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Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines “school-sponsored media,” “school official,” “student journalist,” and “student media adviser.”

Subd. 2. Student journalists; protected conduct. States that a student journalist has a right to exercise freedom of speech and freedom of the press in school-sponsored media. Prohibits a school district or charter school from disciplining a student journalist for exercising rights or freedoms under this paragraph or the First Amendment. Prohibits a school district or charter school from retaliating against a student media adviser for supporting a student journalist exercising free speech rights. States that section does not inhibit a student media adviser from teaching professional standards of English and journalism to students.

Subd. 3. Unprotected expression. States that section does not authorize or protect certain types of student expression. Prohibits a school or district from authorizing any prior restraint of school-sponsored media unless it is student expression that is not protected by this section.

Subd. 4. Student journalist policy. Requires districts and charter schools to adopt and post a student journalist policy consistent with this section.



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