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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0210
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Subject: Student Association Freedom of Religion Act
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Minimal	N/A
Other and Federal	\$0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have minimal impact on General Fund expenditures. This bill would not impact Federal Fund or Other Fund expenditures.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill adds Section 59-1-436 regarding religious discrimination against student associations to require all public institutions of higher learning provide the same benefits to all student associations regardless of religious beliefs. The bill defines benefits to include, but not limited to, public institution recognition, registration, the use of public institution facilities for meetings or speaking purposes, and the use of any established communication channels. The proposed section does not apply to religious student associations engaged in illegal activity.

The Commission on Higher Education surveyed all public institutions of higher learning. The colleges and universities reported that the bill would have minimal impact on General Fund expenditures. Any additional expenditures could be absorbed by current funding levels.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A



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