

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.472**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee  
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board  
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AUTHOR: Senator Campsen PRIMARY CODE CITE: 59-1-436  
SUBJECT: Student Association Freedom of Religion Act

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 472 amends Chapter 1, Title 59 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding a provision requiring that no public institution of higher learning take any action or enforce any policy that would deny a religious student association benefits available to any other student association based on the religious student association's requirement of participants' adherence to religious beliefs or standards of conduct. The provision would be applicable to all public colleges and universities.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Based on the colleges' and universities' individual responses to the Commission on Higher Education survey, it was determined that the provision would have no to minimal impact and any additional costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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