

HB 2284 -- CAMPUS FREE EXPRESSION ACT

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This bill modifies the Campus Free Expression Act. The bill requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education to adopt a policy on free expression by January 1, 2019. The free expression policy must be consistent with several principles of free speech specified in the bill. The free expression policy shall be made available to students and faculty annually.

The bill also requires institutions to adopt a "student-on-student harassment" policy defining the term no more expansively than unwelcome conduct that is discriminatory on a basis provided by law and that is so severe that it effectively bars the victim's access to an educational benefit.

The bill shall not be interpreted as prohibiting an institution from imposing restrictions on expression that do not violate the United States Constitution or the Missouri Constitution.