

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute creates the Forming Open and Robust University Minds Act, which protects individuals' rights to lawful expression on campuses of state educational institutions, including verbal or written communication, peaceful assembly and protests. The PCS modifies the definition of *harassment* and removes the portion concerning a requirement for state educational institutions to publicly post and present a report to the Governor and Legislature.

Institutions have the authority to impose reasonable time, place and manner restrictions that serve a significant institutional interest so long as the restrictions employ clear, published, content- and viewpoint-neutral criteria. It stipulates state educational institutions may designate outdoor areas as limited traditional public forums for use by campus community members for a limited use. It stipulates student organizations must be treated equitably. Institutions must make public their policies, regulations and expectations of students regarding free expression. Institutions are responsible for informing persons who have responsibility for discipline or education of students about the policies, regulations and duty of the institution concerning free expression.

Any person or student association that is aggrieved by a violation of the provisions of the measure may bring action against an institution and must do so within 1 year after the day of the cause of action accrues. Lastly, it's the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education adopt a model policy for each state educational institution.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.