

HB 1307-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 3/13/2007)

Finds that freedom of expression and freedom of the press are fundamental principles in our democratic society granted to every citizen of this state and the nation by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and by Article 1, section 5 of the state Constitution. These freedoms provide all citizens, including students, with the right to engage in robust and uninhibited discussion of issues.

Finds that court decisions have not provided adequate protection for the free speech and free press rights of students.

Declares an intent to ensure free speech and free press protections for both high school and college students in the state in order to encourage students to become educated, informed, and responsible members of society.