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Bill Analysis

SB 1837 creates the Common Sense Freedom of Press Control Act. The measure requires each individual reporter, producer, writer, editor, or any other employee involved in the production of content distributed by a media outlet to complete a criminal background check, receive a license issued by the Corporation Commission, complete a propaganda-free safety training course of no less than 8 hours, provide proof of liability insurance no less than \$1 million, and submit to quarterly drug testing for illicit substances to be administered by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. Each company must maintain liability insurance of \$50 million and provide a prominent disclaimer before each media presentation, broadcast, video, or printed publication. The measure establishes a \$290.00 5-year license for reporters or \$580.00 for a 10-year license. The measure establishes an annual \$250,000.00 for media companies.

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