

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 591 creates the Free to Speak Act. The measure prohibits an institution of higher learning or public school employee from knowingly or intentionally addressing an unemancipated minor by a name other than his or her legal name or by a pronoun or title that is not consistent with the student's sex without written permission. The measure also prohibits a student enrolled in a public school or institution of higher learning from being subject to disciplinary action for declining to address a person using a name other than the person's legal name or by a pronoun or title that is not consistent with the person's sex. It creates a cause of action for violations, and it requires such actions to be initiated within 2 years of the violation.

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