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1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §18B-20-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
2 relating to prohibiting state institutions of higher education from discriminating against
3 student organizations which limit membership to those persons who adhere to the
4 organization's sincerely held beliefs, comply with the organization's standards of conduct,
5 and further the organization's mission, expression, or purpose.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 20. FREE EXPRESSION ON CAMPUS.

§18B-20-5. Freedom of association and nondiscrimination against students and student organizations.

1 A state institution of higher education may not deny a religious, political, or ideological
2 student organization any benefit or privilege generally available to other student organizations, or
3 otherwise discriminate against the organization based on a requirement of the organization that
4 its leaders and members:

- 5 (1) Affirm and adhere to the organization's sincerely held beliefs;
- 6 (2) Comply with the organization's standards of conduct; and
- 7 (3) Further the organization's mission, expression, or purpose.

The Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Joe Linn
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Clerk of the Senate

Stepha D. Harrison
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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Originated in the Senate.

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C. P. Bell
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President of the Senate

Don Hankins
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is *approved* this the *22nd*
Day of *March*, 2024.

James Justice
.....
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

MAR 13 2024

Time 12:59pm