

**NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2026 REGULAR SESSION
DAILY
SENATE CLIP SHEET**

April 13, 2026

Clip Sheet Summary

Displays all amendments, fiscal notes, and conference committee reports for previous day.

Bill	Amendment	Action	Sponsor
SF 2231	S-5177	Filed	RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE
SF 2378	S-5176	Filed	RECEIVED FROM THE HOUSE

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE FILE 2231

S-5177

1 Amend Senate File 2231, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

3 <Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2026, is amended by adding
4 the following new subsections:

5 NEW SUBSECTION. 80. *a.* Annually distribute the most recent
6 version of the United States department of education's guidance
7 related to constitutionally protected prayer and religious
8 expression in public elementary and secondary schools to all
9 of the following individuals:

10 (1) Each superintendent employed by each school district.

11 (2) Each principal employed by each charter school

12 established pursuant to chapter 256E.

13 *b.* Each superintendent employed by a school district that
14 receives the electronic communication containing the most
15 recent version of the United States department of education's
16 guidance related to constitutionally protected prayer and
17 religious expression in public elementary and secondary schools
18 shall distribute the guidance to each member of the board of
19 directors of the school district, each principal employed by
20 the school district, and each teacher employed by the school
21 district.

22 *c.* Each principal or head of a charter school employed by a
23 charter school established under chapter 256E that receives the
24 electronic communication containing the most recent version of
25 the United States department of education's guidance related to
26 constitutionally protected prayer and religious expression in
27 public elementary and secondary schools shall distribute the
28 guidance to each member of the governing board of the charter
29 school and each teacher employed by the charter school.

30 *d.* Publish on the department's internet site a link to
31 the most recent version of the United States department of
32 education's guidance related to constitutionally protected
33 prayer and religious expression in public elementary and
34 secondary schools.

35 *e.* Develop and distribute to school districts, charter

1 schools established pursuant to chapter 256E, and charter
2 schools and innovation zone schools established pursuant to
3 chapter 256F a professional development training program
4 regarding constitutionally protected prayer and religious
5 expression in public elementary and secondary schools.

6 NEW SUBSECTION. 81. Develop and distribute to school
7 districts, charter schools established pursuant to chapter
8 256E, and charter schools and innovation zone schools
9 established pursuant to chapter 256F a model policy that, if
10 adopted by a school district, charter school, or innovation
11 zone school, would satisfy the school district's, charter
12 school's, or innovation zone school's responsibilities under
13 section 279.89, subsection 4, paragraph "c", relating to
14 the adoption of policies to ensure compliance with federal
15 religious expression standards.>

16 2. Page 1, line 15, after <program.> by inserting <A
17 community-based provider participating in the statewide
18 voluntary preschool program pursuant to this paragraph shall
19 comply with the requirements of subsections 2 and 3 under the
20 authority of the local school district.>

21 3. Page 2, before line 10 by inserting:

22 <Sec. _____. Section 256E.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
23 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

24 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Os.* Be subject to and comply with the
25 requirements of section 279.89 relating to protected speech or
26 expression in the same manner as a school district.

27 Sec. _____. Section 256F.4, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
28 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

29 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Og.* Be subject to and comply with the
30 requirements of section 279.89 relating to protected speech or
31 expression in the same manner as a school district.>

32 4. Page 4, before line 20 by inserting:

33 <Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. **279.89 Protected speech and**
34 **expression — prohibitions — enforcement.**

35 1. A school district shall not discriminate against or

1 penalize a student enrolled in the school district for doing
2 any of the following:

3 *a.* Engaging in religious, political, or ideological speech
4 in the same time, place, and manner, and to the same extent,
5 that other similarly situated students are authorized to engage
6 in speech at school.

7 *b.* Expressing a religious, political, or ideological
8 viewpoint in the same time, place, and manner, and to the same
9 extent, that other similarly situated students are authorized
10 to express views at school.

11 2. A school district shall allow a student who is enrolled
12 in the school district to engage in protected speech or
13 expression at school, which includes but is not limited to all
14 of the following activities:

15 *a.* Expressing a religious, political, or ideological
16 viewpoint on the topic or subject of discussion or study during
17 class.

18 *b.* Expressing religious, political, or ideological
19 viewpoints in a homework assignment, artwork, presentation, or
20 other written or oral assignments, without being discriminated
21 against or the imposition of an academic penalty based on the
22 religious, political, or ideological content of the student's
23 expressions; provided, however, that a school district shall
24 assess a student's written and oral assignments using ordinary
25 academic standards of substance and relevance and other
26 legitimate pedagogical concerns identified by the school
27 district.

28 *c.* Organizing religious, political, or ideological
29 gatherings or clubs before, during, or after school to the same
30 extent, and with the same access to school facilities, as the
31 school district grants to other student-initiated gatherings
32 and clubs.

33 *d.* Wearing clothing, accessories, and jewelry that display
34 religious, political, or ideological messages or symbols in the
35 same manner, and to the same extent, as the school district

1 permits other students to wear clothing, accessories, and
2 jewelry that display messages and symbols.

3 3. A school district shall not discriminate against a club
4 organized by a student enrolled in the school district because
5 of any of the following:

6 a. The religious, political, or ideological viewpoints
7 expressed by the club.

8 b. The religious, political, or ideological viewpoints
9 expressed by students who are members of the club.

10 c. Any requirement that the leaders or members of the club
11 affirm or adhere to any particular beliefs, comply with the
12 club's standards of conduct, or further the club's mission or
13 purpose, as defined by the club.

14 4. Each school district shall do all of the following:

15 a. Annually notify each employee of the school district of
16 the availability of the United States department of education's
17 guidance related to constitutionally protected prayer and
18 religious expression in public elementary and secondary
19 schools.

20 b. Offer professional development opportunities to each
21 employee of the school district regarding constitutionally
22 protected prayer and religious expression in public elementary
23 and secondary schools to ensure understanding and compliance.

24 c. (1) Adopt a policy that ensures the school district
25 complies with federal religious expression standards.

26 (2) Annually certify to the department of education that the
27 school district is in compliance with the policy described in
28 subparagraph (1).

29 5. a. Any individual or club organized by a student
30 alleging a violation of subsection 1, 2, 3, or 4 by a school
31 district may bring a civil action for declaratory relief,
32 injunctive relief, monetary damages, reasonable attorney fees,
33 court costs, and any other appropriate relief against the
34 school district.

35 b. A court shall assess a civil penalty of not less than

1 five thousand dollars against a school district that fails
2 to comply with subsection 1, 2, 3, or 4, in addition to any
3 monetary damages awarded pursuant to paragraph "a". The
4 civil penalty is payable to the prevailing individual or club
5 organized by a student.

6 c. Any individual or club organized by a student aggrieved
7 by a school district's violation of subsection 1, 2, 3, or
8 4 may assert such violation as a defense or counterclaim in
9 any disciplinary action, civil proceeding, or administrative
10 proceeding that is brought against the individual or club.

11 d. This subsection shall not be construed to limit any other
12 remedies available to any individual or club organized by a
13 student alleging a violation of subsection 1, 2, 3, or 4 by a
14 school district.

15 e. A civil action brought under this subsection is barred
16 unless the action is commenced not later than two years
17 after the day the cause of action accrues. For purposes
18 of calculating this limitations period, each day that the
19 violation persists, including each day that a policy in
20 violation of subsection 4, paragraph "c", remains in effect,
21 shall constitute a new day that the cause of action has
22 accrued.

23 6. a. This section constitutes a waiver of any sovereign
24 immunity provided to school districts under the eleventh
25 amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

26 b. A school district that violates subsection 1, 2, 3, or
27 4 is not immune from suit or liability for such violation and
28 consents to suit in federal court for any actions arising under
29 this section.

30 7. This section shall not be construed to prevent a school
31 district from prohibiting, limiting, or restricting any of the
32 following:

33 a. Expression that is not protected under the first
34 amendment to the Constitution of the United States, including
35 true threats, obscenity, and expression that is directed to

S-5177 (Continued)

1 provoke imminent lawless actions and likely to produce such
2 actions.

3 *b.* Expression that is unwelcome, and so severe, pervasive,
4 and subjectively and objectively offensive, that the
5 expression effectively denies a student access to educational
6 opportunities or benefits provided by the school district.

7 *c.* Conduct that intentionally, materially, and substantially
8 disrupts any of the following:

9 (1) The operations of the school district.

10 (2) The expressive activity of another individual if that
11 activity is occurring on school district property in an area
12 reserved for that activity under the exclusive use or control
13 of a particular student, group of students, or a club organized
14 by a student.>

15 5. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and inserting
16 <An Act relating to education, including by modifying
17 provisions related to the protected speech and expression
18 rights of students, modifying provisions related to the duties
19 of the department of education, and modifying eligibility and
20 participation requirements for certain education programs,
21 preschool programs, and tax provisions, providing civil
22 penalties, and including retroactive applicability provisions.>

23 6. By renumbering as necessary.

[S-5177](#) FILED APRIL 9, 2026

HOUSE AMENDMENT TO
SENATE FILE 2378

S-5176

- 1 Amend Senate File 2378, as passed by the Senate, as follows:
2 1. Page 1, after line 22 by inserting:
3 <Sec. ____ . Section 414.7, subsection 2, Code 2026, is
4 amended to read as follows:
5 2. The council may provide for review of variances granted
6 by the board of adjustment by the council before the effective
7 date of the variances. Any individual affected by the variance
8 may appeal the decision of the board of adjustment to the
9 city council within sixty days and the effective date of the
10 variance shall be stayed until after the council has reviewed
11 the appeal. The council may remand a decision to grant a
12 variance to the board of adjustment for further study. The
13 effective date of the variance is delayed for thirty days from
14 the date of the remand. The city council may also overturn
15 the decision of the board of adjustment by a vote of at least
16 two-thirds of all members of the council, regardless of whether
17 an appeal has been brought.>
18 2. By renumbering as necessary.

S-5176 FILED APRIL 9, 2026