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First Reader

House Joint Resolution 5 (Delegate Martinez, *et al.*)
Rules and Executive Nominations

Commitment to Free Speech, Academic Freedom, and Open Public Discourse

This joint resolution declares that the General Assembly reaffirms its commitment to the principles of free speech, academic freedom, and open public discourse. It expresses the General Assembly’s opposition to any efforts to infringe on the constitutionally protected right to criticize foreign governments, including the State of Israel. The joint resolution further encourages educational institutions, governmental bodies, and other entities within the State to uphold and protect the right of individuals to express dissenting views on matters of foreign policy without fear of censorship or retribution.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The joint resolution does not directly affect State finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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