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Substitute for Raised H.B. No. 5159

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Introducer(s):

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Title: AN ACT FUNDING JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Statement of Purpose: To require the Office of Higher Education to establish a journalism fellowship program to fund not fewer than twelve journalism fellowship positions at local news organizations.

Bill History:

02-11-2026 REFERRED TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

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02-24-2026 JOINT FAVORABLE SUBSTITUTE CHANGE OF REFERENCE Appropriations Committee

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02-25-2026 FAVORABLE CHANGE OF REFERENCE, HOUSE TO COMMITTEE ON Appropriations Committee

02-26-2026 FAVORABLE CHANGE OF REFERENCE, SENATE TO COMMITTEE ON Appropriations Committee

Co-sponsor(s):

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