

HB 2177 -- CAMPUS INTELLECTUAL DIVERSITY

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This bill establishes the "Campus Intellectual Diversity Act". The coordinating board for higher education shall establish, fund, and staff an office of public policy events on every campus of every public institution of higher education. The purpose of the office will be to organize debates, group forums, and individual lectures.

The office will seek out speakers that represent opposing sides of public policy issues and that can articulate perspectives on public policies determined to be poorly represented on campus.

Additional responsibilities of the office include providing expenses to people from outside the campus community who participate in debates, group forums, and lectures organized by the office, and maintaining a calendar within parameters outlined in the bill that will list all events sponsored by the office.

The bill requires the Office of Public Events to present by September 1st annually a copy of the previous academic year's annual public policy event calendar to the public, the Governor, and the General Assembly. The office shall also make publicly available a complete Internet-accessible video recording of all debates, group forums, and lectures organized by the office. Video records shall be maintained with access to the public for at least five years following the date of the event and permanently preserved by the institutions library.