ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FIFTY-SECOND SESSION

BILL NO. 52-65
INTRODUCED BY: Williams
SECONDED BY: Slivensky

A RESOLUTION TO: Support for the Student Free Press and Civics Readiness Act

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, Education in a liberal democracy is predicated upon the constitutional
guarantee of freedom in thought, press, and speech. Without experiencing
a broad range of ideas and thought processes, intellectual growth is
severely inhibited; and,

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court, in Hosty v. Carter (2005), effectively
limited college journalists’ freedom of speech rights by applying the high
school precedent set in Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier (1988), which censors
student publications at public schools; and,

WHEREAS, Sen. Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge) introduced SB 848 in an effort to set
common-sense standards that will allow for unencumbered freedom of the
press and prevent dangerous administrative overreach; and,

WHEREAS, This piece of legislation will protect student journalists, colleges, and
universities, from undue lawsuits; and therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Michigan State University (ASMSU) supports
the efforts of Sen. Jones and state legislatures across the nation, to ensure
the most academically prosperous experience for students.

INTRODUCED ON 03-24-2016
REFERRED TO N/A COMMITTEE ON
SPECIAL ACTION TAKEN N/A DATE

COMMITTEE ACTION Passed Failed Vote Date

FINAL ACTION TAKEN X Voice-Majority 03-24-2016

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