



First Amendment FOUNDATION



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The First Amendment Foundation is participating in the USA Today Network's A Community Thrives grant program. Our aim is to expand our internship program and create educational resources for high school students. We want to equip the next generation with the necessary tools to access records, meetings, and participate in the government decision-making process.

This week, the organizations that receive the most unique donations get an additional \$4,000. Any gift above \$5 counts as unique. All contributions are welcome! Donations must be made on our [A Community Thrives page](#).

BILL COULD MAKE IT HARDER TO FILM POLICE

The First Amendment protects the right to gather information about what public officials do in public and matters of public interest. A new bill could deter individuals from recording law enforcement officers – and violate First Amendment protections.

House Bill 11, Alex (R-Hialeah), makes it a misdemeanor for any person, after receiving a warning from law enforcement not to approach, to approach or remain within 30 feet of a law enforcement officer with the intent to interrupt, disrupt, impede, or interfere with the law enforcement officers' ability to perform such a duty.

The bill does not define impede or interfere and could be used to arrest individuals who continue to film law enforcement after a warning. The press and public may be discouraged from filming police.

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IN OTHER NEWS

Investigative records released in Miami 'ghost' candidate case shed light on players involved in the election plot.

- [Orlando Sentinel](#): Key figures in 'ghost' candidate scandal had business relationship, records show
- [Daytona Beach News-Journal](#): Texts show worry as dark money scheme to help Florida GOP candidates unraveled

[Pensacola News Journal](#) The Holley-Navarre Water System has maintained it is a private utility and not subject to the Sunshine Law. Santa Rosa County Commissioners are asking the Attorney General to weigh in.

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Can a school board restrict speech "personally directed" to board members?"

[Florida Today's Bailey Gallion](#) spoke to FAF's Virginia Hamrick on the limits boards can place under the First Amendment and Sunshine Law - and details a federal case finding a speaking restriction (used by Florida governments) unconstitutional.