



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5137

LCO No. 959



Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Introduced by:

REP. FARRAR, 20th Dist.

REP. BROWN, 56th Dist.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REFUNDABLE TAX CREDIT FOR NEWS ORGANIZATIONS THAT COVER LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to establish a refundable tax
- 2 credit to news organizations that cover local communities in the state,
- 3 in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars per journalist employed in the
- 4 state by such organization and twenty-five thousand dollars per new
- 5 journalist hired in the state by such organization, with a cap on the
- 6 amount a news organization is allowed of one hundred fifty thousand
- 7 dollars.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a refundable tax credit to news organizations that cover local communities in the state.