

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1513

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 509.9, which relates to discrimination against employee organizations; prohibiting school districts from denying certain professional associations equal access to employees; providing certain examples of access; providing for reimbursement of certain costs; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 509.9, is amended to read as follows:

Section 509.9 A. No employee shall be discriminated against by the board of education, superintendent or any other administrative officer of a district or by any employee organization, its officers or any member thereof because of his exercise or nonexercise of rights under this act. It shall be prohibited for an employee organization, employee or employer to impede, restrain or coerce an employer or employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed in Sections 509.1 through 509.10 of this title.

B. No school district, employee of a school district, or employee organization shall deny a statewide professional educators association equal access to employees of the school district, to the same extent that access is granted to other professional educators associations. For purposes of this subsection access shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Setting up informational tables at in-service or other similar teacher meetings;
2. Speaking at in-service or other similar teacher meetings;
3. Distributing information in school mail boxes or through the school e-mail system;
4. Utilizing school district meeting rooms during nonworking hours;
5. Utilizing school district printing services; and
6. Utilizing school district bulletin boards.

An association which utilizes school district facilities and services shall reimburse the district for any cost incurred by the school district.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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