

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1513

By: Dank, Wesselhoft and  
Balkman of the House

and

Coffee of the Senate

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; and providing for reimbursement of certain costs.

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 mailboxes 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 1st day of March, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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