

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1826

By: Johnson, Sullivan, Kern and
Dorman of the House

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4 Sykes of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 24-105, which relates to clubs, fraternities,
9 and sororities; requiring schools to adopt policies
10 and procedures to annually notify parents or
11 guardians about school clubs and organizations;
12 listing notification method and content; providing
13 for supplemental notification; requiring policies to
14 have a means for parents or guardians to withhold
15 permission; limiting application of policy; providing
16 parents or guardians are responsible for preventing
17 student from participating if permission is withheld;
18 providing parents or guardians are responsible for
19 retrieving student from attendance if permission is
20 withheld; providing definitions; and providing an
21 effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-105, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 Section 24-105. A. The board of education of each school
26 district shall have full power and authority to regulate, control or
27 prohibit any fraternity, sorority, secret society, club or group
28 composed in whole or in part of ~~pupils~~ students enrolled in the
29 ~~elementary and high schools of the~~ school district if it deems it

1 advisable and ~~to~~ in the best interest of the school program to do
2 so.

3 B. Each board of education shall adopt policies and procedures
4 to annually notify parents or guardians of students about clubs and
5 organizations sponsored by or under the direction and control of the
6 school. The annual notification about clubs and organizations shall
7 be by means of the student handbook and by posting on the Internet
8 web site for the school district or if the school district does not
9 have an Internet web site by another appropriate method. The annual
10 notification shall include, but is not limited to, the following
11 information about each club or organization:

- 12 1. Name;
- 13 2. Mission or purpose; and
- 14 3. Name of the faculty advisor, if known.

15 C. If clubs or organizations are created or formed after the
16 annual notification is distributed, the school district shall send
17 additional notification to the parents or guardians containing
18 information about the additional clubs or organizations consistent
19 with the requirements set forth in subsection B of this section.

20 D. The policy adopted by each board of education shall provide
21 parents or guardians of students with an opportunity to notify
22 school administration that the parent or guardian is withholding
23 permission for a student to join or participate in one or more clubs
24 or organizations. The policy shall only apply to participation in

1 clubs and organizations that are extracurricular and shall not apply
2 to participation in clubs and organizations that are necessary for a
3 required class of instruction. Parents or guardians shall be
4 responsible for preventing their student from participating in a
5 club or organization in which permission is withheld. Parents or
6 guardians shall also be responsible for retrieving their student
7 from attendance at a club or organization in which permission is
8 withheld. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent a club or
9 organization from meeting when a student who is not authorized to be
10 in the club or organization is present at such meeting.

11 E. For purposes of this section:

12 1. "Clubs and organizations" means a club or organization
13 comprised of students that is organized and meets for common goals,
14 objectives, or purposes, and that is directly under the sponsorship,
15 direction, and control of the school; and

16 2. "Competitive interscholastic activity or event" means
17 activities held under the auspices or sponsorship of a school
18 district that involves students enrolled in that school district
19 competing against individuals or groups of students representing
20 other school districts.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2009.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

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6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2009.

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