

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
House Bill No. 1826

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1826 - By: JOHNSON,
SULLIVAN, KERN AND DORMAN of the House.

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-105, which relates to clubs, fraternities, and sororities; requiring schools to adopt policies and procedures to annually notify parents or guardians about school clubs and organizations; listing notification method and content; providing for supplemental notification; requiring policies to have a means for parents or guardians to withhold permission; providing parents or guardians are responsible for preventing student from participating if permission is withheld; providing parents or guardians are responsible for retrieving student from attendance if permission is withheld; providing definitions; and providing an effective date.

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

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

3 Section 24-105. A. The board of education of each school district shall have full
4 power and authority to regulate, control or prohibit any fraternity, sorority, secret
5 society, club or group composed in whole or in part of ~~pupils~~ students enrolled in the
6 ~~elementary and high schools of the~~ school district if it deems it advisable and ~~to~~ in the
7 best interest of the school program to do so.

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

8 1. Name;

9 2. Mission or purpose; and

10 3. Name of the faculty advisor, if known.

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

15 D. The policy adopted by each board of education shall provide parents or
16 guardians of students with an opportunity to notify school administration that the parent
17 or guardian is withholding permission for a student to join or participate in one or more
18 clubs or organizations. Parents or guardians shall be responsible for preventing their
19 student from participating in a club or organization in which permission is withheld.
20 Parents or guardians shall also be responsible for retrieving their student from
21 attendance at a club or organization in which permission is withheld. Nothing in this

1 subsection shall prevent a club or organization from meeting when a student who is not
2 authorized to be in the club or organization is present at such meeting.

3 E. For purposes of this section:

4 1. “Clubs and organizations” means a club or organization comprised of students
5 that is organized and meets for common goals, objectives, or purposes, and that is
6 directly under the sponsorship, direction, and control of the school; and

7 2. “Competitive interscholastic activity or event” means activities held under the
8 auspices or sponsorship of a school district that involves students enrolled in that school
9 district competing against individual or groups of students representing other school
10 districts.

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

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02-12-09
13 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.