

EHB 1826

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Wednesday, April 1, 2009

3 ENGROSSED

4 House Bill No. 1826

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6 Dorman of the House and Sykes of the Senate.

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

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

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

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

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

10 1. Name;

11 2. Mission or purpose; and

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

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

18 D. The policy adopted by each board of education shall provide
19 parents or guardians of students with an opportunity to notify
20 school administration that the parent or guardian is withholding
21 permission for a student to join or participate in one or more clubs
22 or organizations. The policy shall only apply to participation in
23 clubs and organizations that are extracurricular and shall not apply

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

10 E. For purposes of this section:

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

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

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 3-30-09 - DO
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