

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1826

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 24-105, which relates to clubs, fraternities,
and sororities; requiring schools to adopt policies
9 and procedures to annually notify parents about
school clubs and organizations; listing notification
10 method and content; providing for supplemental
notification; requiring policies to have a means for
11 parents to withhold permission; providing
definitions; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

1 B. Each board of education shall adopt policies and procedures
2 to annually notify parents and 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;

12 3. Name of the faculty advisor; and

13 4. Description of past and planned activities, including any
14 activities reasonably related to the club or organization, but shall
15 not include competitive interscholastic activities or events.

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

21 D. The policy adopted by each board of education shall provide
22 parents and guardians of students with an opportunity to withhold
23 permission for a student to join or participate in one or more clubs
24 or organizations.

1 E. For purposes of this section:

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

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

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

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