

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2677

By: Shumate, Pittman, Johnson
and Kern of the House

3 and

4 Stanislawski of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to schools; defining terms;
8 prohibiting state educational institution from taking
9 certain actions or enforcing certain policies;
10 providing for standing; providing for cause of
11 action; providing for codification; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3247 of Title 70, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. As used in this section only:

18 1. "Benefits" shall include, without limitation:

- 19 a. recognition,
- 20 b. registration,
- 21 c. the use of facilities of the state educational
22 institution for meetings or speaking purposes,
- 23 d. the use of channels of communication of the state
24 educational institution, and

1 e. funding sources that are otherwise available to any
2 other student group in the state educational
3 institution; and

4 2. "State educational institution" means the state higher
5 educational institutions that are within The Oklahoma State System
6 of Higher Education and shall also include the student government of
7 a state higher educational institution.

8 B. No state educational institution shall take any action or
9 enforce any policy that would deny a religious student group any
10 benefit available to any other student group based on the religious
11 student group's requirement that its leaders or members adhere to
12 its sincerely held religious beliefs or standards of conduct.

13 C. Any affected student group or any of its members may enforce
14 this section by bringing a private cause of action for damages,
15 declaratory judgment, and/or injunctive relief in state or federal
16 court.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.
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