

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 5, 2011

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE

4 BILL NO. 1854

By: Shumate of the House

5 and

6 Stanislawski of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to higher education; directing the
9 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to adopt
10 an equal access policy for statewide professional
11 educators' associations; specifying content of the
12 policy; providing for codification; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3246 of Title 70, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State
19 Regents for Higher Education adopt a policy for each institution
20 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education which has a
21 teacher education program that will require equal access for
22 statewide professional educators' associations to students enrolled
23 in the program. The policy shall prohibit teacher education
24 programs and the faculty and employees of the program from denying a
statewide professional educators' association equal access to

1 students enrolled in the program to the same extent that access is
2 granted to other educators' associations. The policy shall define
3 access to include:

- 4 1. Setting up informational tables at the institution or
5 student meetings;
- 6 2. Speaking at student meetings;
- 7 3. Distributing information in mail boxes or through the e-mail
8 system of the institution;
- 9 4. Utilizing institution meeting rooms during nonworking hours;
- 10 5. Posting information on bulletin boards; and
- 11 6. Utilizing printing services for the institution.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 4-4-11 - DO PASS.
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