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ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1715

and

Holt and Daniels of the
Senate

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

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Patriotic Access to Students in Schools Act (PASS Act)".

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-130, is amended to read as follows:

1 Section 5-130. A. The board of education of any school
2 district may, under such regulations and conditions as it may
3 prescribe, encourage increased community involvement in the public
4 schools. These regulations and conditions may include:

5 1. Open any school building and permit the use of any property
6 belonging to such district for religious, political, literary,
7 community, cultural, scientific, mechanical, agricultural, or
8 parental involvement purposes, and other purposes of general public
9 interest including the provision of public library services pursuant
10 to agreements with governing boards or commissions of public
11 libraries or library systems;

12 2. Contract to provide transportation equipment as defined in
13 Section 9-104 of this title for any purpose specified in paragraph 1
14 of this subsection; and

15 3. Make a reasonable charge to cover the cost of the use of
16 such building, property or transportation equipment.

17 B. The State Board of Education shall encourage each board of
18 education to inquire into and promote the use of its school
19 buildings and property for the purposes provided in subsection A of
20 this section for such activities both before and after regular
21 school hours.

22 C. Any youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code
23 as a patriotic society shall be allowed the use of any school
24 building or property to provide services allowing students to

1 participate in activities provided by the groups at times other than
2 instructional time during the school day.

3 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.229-7 of Title 70, unless
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. As used in this section, "patriotic society" means any youth
7 group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code.

8 B. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the principal of
9 each public school in the state shall allow representatives of a
10 patriotic society the opportunity to speak with and recruit students
11 to participate in their organizations during school hours to inform
12 the students of how the patriotic society may further the students'
13 educational interests and civic involvement to better their schools,
14 communities and themselves.

15 C. The patriotic society shall provide verbal or written notice
16 to the principal of its intent to speak to the students. The
17 principal shall provide verbal or written approval of the specific
18 day and time for the society to address the students.

19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
20 April 3, 2017 - DO PASS
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