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patriotic youth groups; school access.

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House of Representatives  
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# HOUSE BILL 2654

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-120.01; RELATING TO SCHOOL ACCESS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-120.01, to read:

4 15-120.01. Patriotic youth groups; school access;  
5 discrimination prohibited; definition

6 A. THE PRINCIPAL OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
7 EACH PATRIOTIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION A SINGLE OPPORTUNITY EACH ACADEMIC YEAR  
8 TO ADDRESS STUDENTS DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS ABOUT HOW THE PATRIOTIC  
9 YOUTH ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT.  
10 THE SINGLE OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH PATRIOTIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION EACH ACADEMIC  
11 YEAR SHALL BOTH:

- 12 1. OCCUR DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF EACH ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR.
- 13 2. NOT EXCEED TEN MINUTES IN DURATION.

14 B. A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PATRIOTIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION THAT INTENDS  
15 TO ADDRESS STUDENTS AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS  
16 SECTION SHALL SUBMIT A VERBAL OR WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE PRINCIPAL DURING  
17 THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR. AFTER RECEIVING THE  
18 REQUEST, THE PRINCIPAL MAY PROVIDE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PATRIOTIC  
19 YOUTH ORGANIZATION WITH VERBAL OR WRITTEN APPROVAL THAT INCLUDES THE DATE  
20 AND TIME THAT THE REPRESENTATIVE MAY ADDRESS THE STUDENTS.

21 C. THE PRINCIPAL SHALL ENSURE THAT MATERIALS PROVIDED BY A  
22 PATRIOTIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES ARE DISTRIBUTED  
23 DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY THROUGHOUT THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL  
24 YEAR TO ENCOURAGE STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE PATRIOTIC YOUTH  
25 ORGANIZATION. THE PRINCIPAL MAY REQUEST PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE MATERIALS  
26 AND MAY DETERMINE THE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTING THEM DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS.

27 D. A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT DENY EQUAL ACCESS OR A FAIR OPPORTUNITY  
28 TO MEET OR TO ADDRESS STUDENTS TO, OR DISCRIMINATE AGAINST, ANY OF THE  
29 PATRIOTIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS THAT WISH TO CONDUCT A MEETING OR TO ADDRESS  
30 STUDENTS WITHIN THAT DESIGNATED OPEN FORUM OR LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM,  
31 INCLUDING DENYING SUCH ACCESS OR OPPORTUNITY OR DISCRIMINATING FOR REASONS  
32 BASED ON THE MEMBERSHIP OR LEADERSHIP CRITERIA OR OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO  
33 GOD AND COUNTRY.

34 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PATRIOTIC YOUTH  
35 ORGANIZATIONS" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

36 1. THE GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS LISTED IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING  
37 CHAPTERS OF THE UNITED STATES CODE AS IN EFFECT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
38 THIS SECTION AND THE STATE AFFILIATES OF THESE GROUPS OR ORGANIZATIONS:

- 39 (a) 36 UNITED STATES CODE, SUBTITLE II, PART B, CHAPTER 301.
- 40 (b) 36 UNITED STATES CODE, SUBTITLE II, PART B, CHAPTER 309.
- 41 (c) 36 UNITED STATES CODE, SUBTITLE II, PART B, CHAPTER 311.
- 42 (d) 36 UNITED STATES CODE, SUBTITLE II, PART B, CHAPTER 709.
- 43 (e) 36 UNITED STATES CODE, SUBTITLE II, PART B, CHAPTER 803.

44 2. A YOUTH GROUP OR YOUTH ORGANIZATION THAT IS APPROVED BY BOTH:

45 (a) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OR CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING  
46 BODY.

47 (b) THE PRINCIPAL OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.