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patriotic youth groups; school access.

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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# **CHAPTER 4**

## **HOUSE BILL 2312**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-120.08; 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 15-120.08, to read:

4 15-120.08. Patriotic youth groups; school access;  
5 discrimination prohibited; definition

6 A. DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF EACH ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR, THE  
7 PRINCIPAL OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY PATRIOTIC  
8 YOUTH GROUP TO ADDRESS STUDENTS, AS DETERMINED BY THE PRINCIPAL, DURING  
9 REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS ABOUT HOW THE PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUP SUPPORTS  
10 EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
11 PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUP THAT SEEKS TO ADDRESS STUDENTS AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL  
12 SHALL SUBMIT A VERBAL OR WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE PRINCIPAL DURING THE FIRST  
13 TWO WEEKS OF THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR. AFTER RECEIVING THE REQUEST, THE  
14 PRINCIPAL MAY PROVIDE THE PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUP WITH VERBAL OR WRITTEN  
15 APPROVAL THAT INCLUDES THE DATE AND TIME THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
16 PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUP MAY ADDRESS THE STUDENTS.

17 B. THE PRINCIPAL OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY ACCEPT MATERIALS THAT ARE  
18 PROVIDED BY A PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUP OR ITS REPRESENTATIVES FOR  
19 DISTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS. IF THE PRINCIPAL ACCEPTS MATERIALS PURSUANT TO  
20 THIS SUBSECTION, THE PRINCIPAL SHALL ENSURE THAT THE MATERIALS ARE  
21 DISTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY. THE PRINCIPAL MAY  
22 REQUEST PRIOR ACCESS TO THE MATERIALS FOR APPROVAL AND MAY DETERMINE THE  
23 METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION DIRECTLY TO STUDENTS.

24 C. A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT DENY EQUAL ACCESS OR A FAIR OPPORTUNITY  
25 TO MEET TO, OR DISCRIMINATE AGAINST, ANY PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUP THAT WISHES  
26 TO CONDUCT A MEETING WITHIN THAT DESIGNATED OPEN FORUM OR LIMITED PUBLIC  
27 FORUM, INCLUDING DENYING SUCH ACCESS OR OPPORTUNITY OR DISCRIMINATING FOR  
28 REASONS BASED ON THE PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUP'S MEMBERSHIP OR LEADERSHIP  
29 CRITERIA OR OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO GOD AND COUNTRY.

30 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PATRIOTIC YOUTH GROUP" MEANS  
31 ANY GROUP OR ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 32 1. SERVES INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.
- 33 2. HAS AN EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE THAT PROMOTES PATRIOTISM AND CIVIC  
34 INVOLVEMENT.
- 35 3. IS EITHER:

36 (a) LISTED IN 36 UNITED STATES CODE, SUBTITLE II, PART B, CHAPTER  
37 301, 309, 311, 403, 709, 803, 1305, 1401 OR 1541 ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF  
38 THIS SECTION.

39 (b) THE STATE AFFILIATE OF A GROUP OR ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN  
40 SUBDIVISION (a) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 13, 2026.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 13, 2026.