

REFERENCE TITLE: patriotic youth groups; school access.

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Introduced by
Representative Rivero

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.