

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE BILL 1715

 By: Moore and Munson

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 5-130, which relates to the use of school
10 buildings and property; creating the Patriotic Access
11 to Students in Schools Act (PASS Act); providing that
12 board of education may encourage increased community
13 involvement in public schools; defining certain term;
14 requiring school to permit patriotic society to speak
15 to and recruit students; requiring patriotic society
16 to provide notice of intent to speak to students;
17 providing for codification; providing an effective
18 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-129.3 of Title 70, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

23 Section 5-130. A. The board of education of any school
24 district may, under such regulations and conditions as it may

1 prescribe, encourage increased community involvement in the public
2 schools. These regulations and conditions may include:

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

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

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

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

20 C. Any youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code
21 as a patriotic society shall be allowed the use of any school
22 building or property to provide services allowing students to
23 participate in activities provided by the groups at times other than
24 instructional time during the school day.

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

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

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

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

17 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

18 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/21/2017
24 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.