

HOUSE BILL 233

By Brooks H

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 49, Chapter 8 and Title 49, Chapter 9, relative to prospective teachers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 5, Part 56, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

49-5-56__.

(a) Public institutions of higher education that provide teacher training programs shall ensure that equal access is given to any domestic professional educators' organization to the same extent that access is granted to any other professional educators' organization.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Domestic professional educators' organization" means an organization that:

(A) Is incorporated under title 48, chapter 52;

(B) Solicits professional membership from all certificated employees of LEAs;

(C) Grants the same rights and privileges of membership to all its professional members; and

(D) Provides equal services to its professional members; and

(2) "Equal access" includes, but is not limited to, the following types of activities:

(A) Distributing information on the campus of a public institution of higher education;

(B) Recruiting and speaking on campus to groups of students who are in teacher training programs at a public institution of higher education;

(C) Using meeting rooms of a public institution of higher education to meet with students in teacher training programs; and

(D) Posting information, if permitted, on a public institution's campus bulletin boards.

(c) Use of campus facilities by a professional educators' organization shall be governed by the rules and regulations on access and use of campus property and facilities adopted by the governing body of the public institution of higher education.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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