

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE

BILL NO. 1715

By: Moore, Munson and Faught of  
the House

and

Holt and Daniels of the  
Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2011, Section 5-130, which relates to the use of school buildings and property; creating the Patriotic Access to Students in Schools Act (PASS Act); providing that board of education may encourage increased community involvement in public schools; defining certain term; requiring school to permit patriotic society to speak to and recruit students; requiring patriotic society to provide notice of intent to speak to students; and providing for codification.

SUBJECT: Use of school buildings and property

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2017.

M. Harold Wright  
Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 25th day of April, 2017.

Arthur Dahn  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 26<sup>th</sup>

day of April, 20 17, at 1:51 o'clock P M.

By: Audrey Lockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 2<sup>nd</sup>

day of May, 20 17, at 2:43 o'clock P M.

Mary Fallis  
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 2<sup>nd</sup>

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By: [Signature]