

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 618

BY REPRESENTATIVE NELSON

SCHOOLS: Allows certain patriotic organizations to access school facilities and grants their representatives the opportunity to speak to and recruit students

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:2119, relative to schools; to grant certain patriotic organizations access to
3 school facilities; to grant representatives of such organizations the opportunity to
4 speak to and recruit students; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Patriotic Access to
7 Students in Schools Act" or "PASS Act".

8 Section 2. R.S. 17:2119 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2119. Patriotic organizations; use of school facilities; student recruitment

10 A. As used in this Section, "patriotic organization" means a youth group that
11 is listed as a patriotic society in Title 36 of the United States Code.

12 B. Any patriotic organization may use any public school building or property
13 for student participation in its activities at times other than instructional time during
14 the school day.

15 C.(1) Each public school principal shall grant representatives of any patriotic
16 organization the opportunity to speak with and recruit students to participate in the
17 organization during school hours for the purpose of informing students of how the
18 organization may further the students' educational interests and civic involvement
19 in order to better their schools, their communities, and themselves.

- 1 (2) The organization shall provide verbal or written notice to the principal
2 of its intent to speak to the students. The principal shall provide verbal or written
3 approval of the specific day and time for the organization to address the students.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows certain patriotic organizations access to school facilities and grants their representatives the opportunity to speak to and recruit students.

Proposed law (the "Patriotic Access to Students in Schools Act" or "PASS Act"):

- (1) Allows patriotic organizations to use public school buildings for student participation in their activities during the school day other than during instructional time.
- (2) Requires principals to grant representatives of patriotic organizations the opportunity to speak with and recruit students during school hours.
- (3) Defines a "patriotic organization" as a youth group listed as a patriotic society in Title 36 of the U.S. Code.

(Adds R.S. 17:2119)