

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1826

By: Johnson, Sullivan, Kern and  
Dorman of the House

and

Sykes of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-105, which relates to clubs, fraternities, and sororities; requiring schools to adopt policies and procedures to annually notify parents or guardians about school clubs and organizations; listing notification method and content; providing for supplemental notification; requiring policies to have a means for parents or guardians to withhold permission; limiting application of policy; providing parents or guardians are responsible for preventing student from participating if permission is withheld; providing parents or guardians are responsible for retrieving student from attendance if permission is withheld; providing definitions; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 24-105, is amended to read as follows:

Section 24-105. A. The board of education of each school district shall have full power and authority to regulate, control or prohibit any fraternity, sorority, secret society, club or group composed in whole or in part of ~~pupils~~ students enrolled in the ~~elementary and high schools of the~~ school district if it deems it advisable and ~~to~~ in the best interest of the school program to do so.

B. Each board of education shall adopt policies and procedures to annually notify parents or guardians of students about clubs and organizations sponsored by or under the direction and control of the school. The annual notification about clubs and organizations shall be by means of the student handbook and by posting on the Internet website for the school district or if the school district does not have an Internet website by another appropriate method. The annual notification shall include, but is not limited to, the following information about each club or organization:

1. Name;
2. Mission or purpose; and
3. Name of the faculty advisor, if known.

C. If clubs or organizations are created or formed after the annual notification is distributed, the school district shall send additional notification to the parents or guardians containing information about the additional clubs or organizations consistent with the requirements set forth in subsection B of this section.

D. The policy adopted by each board of education shall provide parents or guardians of students with an opportunity to notify school administration that the parent or guardian is withholding permission for a student to join or participate in one or more clubs or organizations. The policy shall only apply to participation in clubs and organizations that are extracurricular and shall not apply to participation in clubs and organizations that are necessary for a required class of instruction. Parents or guardians shall be responsible for preventing their student from participating in a club or organization in which permission is withheld. Parents or guardians shall also be responsible for retrieving their student from attendance at a club or organization in which permission is withheld. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent a club or organization from meeting when a student who is not authorized to be in the club or organization is present at such meeting.

E. For purposes of this section:

1. "Clubs and organizations" means a club or organization comprised of students that is organized and meets for common goals, objectives, or purposes, and that is directly under the sponsorship, direction, and control of the school; and

2. "Competitive interscholastic activity or event" means activities held under the auspices or sponsorship of a school district that involves students enrolled in that school district competing against individuals or groups of students representing other school districts.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2009.



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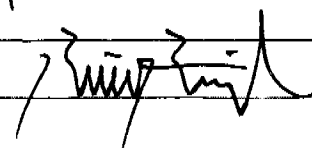
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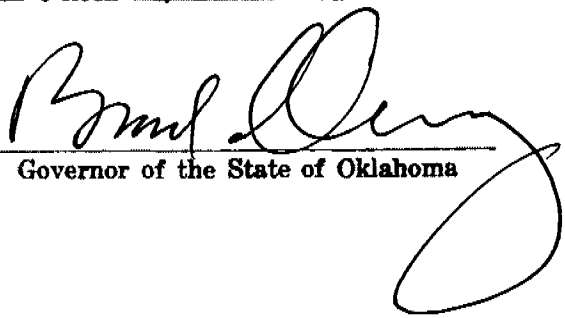
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