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H.B. No. 1433

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to prohibiting the board of trustees of an independent  
3 school district from disparate treatment based on an organization's  
4 religious nature in allowing access to school campuses after school  
5 hours.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 11.1651 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 11.1651. PROHIBITION OF DISPARATE TREATMENT BASED ON  
10 RELIGIOUS NATURE OF ORGANIZATION IN ALLOWING ACCESS TO SCHOOL  
11 CAMPUSES AFTER SCHOOL HOURS. If the board of trustees of an  
12 independent school district allows noncurricular community  
13 organizations not organized or operated primarily by students  
14 access to district school campuses after school hours, the district  
15 must provide religious organizations the same access to school  
16 campuses after school hours as is given to other noncurricular  
17 organizations without discrimination based on any religious nature  
18 of an organization or on an organization's activities on campus,  
19 including religious expression.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.