

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 585
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 24, 2017; February 8, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;
 1-4 May 3, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; May 3, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio			X	
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Huffines			X	
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Seliger	X			
1-15 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-16 Uresti	X			
1-17 West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the opportunity of certain patriotic societies to
 1-22 present information regarding the society to public school students
 1-23 during regular school hours.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Education Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 25.0822 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 25.0822. PATRIOTIC SOCIETY ACCESS TO STUDENTS.

1-28 (a) In this section, "patriotic society" means a youth membership
 1-29 organization listed in Title 36 of the United States Code with an
 1-30 educational purpose that promotes patriotism and civic
 1-31 involvement.

1-32 (b) At the beginning of each school year, the principal of a
 1-33 public school campus shall provide representatives of a patriotic
 1-34 society with the opportunity to speak to students during regular
 1-35 school hours about membership in the society and the ways in which
 1-36 membership may promote a student's educational interest and level
 1-37 of civic involvement, leading to the student's increased potential
 1-38 for self-improvement and ability to contribute to improving the
 1-39 student's school and community.

1-40 (c) A principal has complete discretion over the specific
 1-41 date and time of the opportunity required to be provided under this
 1-42 section, except that:

1-43 (1) the principal must limit the opportunity provided
 1-44 to a patriotic society to a single school day; and

1-45 (2) any presentation made to students as a result of
 1-46 the opportunity may not exceed 10 minutes in length.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
 1-48 school year.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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