

CHAPTER 2024-104

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1317

An act relating to patriotic organizations; creating s. 1001.433, F.S.; defining the term “patriotic organization”; authorizing school districts to allow representatives of patriotic organizations to speak to students, distribute certain materials, and provide opportunities for certain displays relating to the patriotic organizations; requiring certain school districts to provide a date and time for such patriotic organizations to speak with students, distribute materials, and provide certain displays; specifying certain requirements if a school district allows a patriotic organization to present at the school; prohibiting a school district from discriminating against certain organizations in the use of a school building or property under certain circumstances; authorizing patriotic organizations to be provided certain access to school buildings and properties under certain circumstances; providing construction; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1001.433, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1001.433 Patriotic organizations.—

(1) As used in this section, the term “patriotic organization” means a youth membership organization serving young people under the age of 21 with an educational purpose that promotes patriotism and civic involvement which is listed in Title 36, U.S.C. ss. 30101, 30901, 31101, 40301, 70901, 80301, 130501, 140101, and 154101.

(2)(a) Each school district may:

1. Allow a representative of a patriotic organization the opportunity, during school hours and instructional time, to speak with and distribute informational materials in a classroom setting to students, to encourage participation in the patriotic organization and its activities, and to inform students of how the patriotic organization may further the students’ educational interests and civic involvement and better the students’ school and community and themselves.

2. Provide opportunities for a patriotic organization to provide displays at schools within the district for student recruitment. Such displays may include informational flyers and the use of other existing communication channels.

(b) If a school district authorizes a representative of a patriotic organization to speak with and distribute informational materials to students and provide displays pursuant to paragraph (a), the school district:

1. Must provide a specific date and time for the patriotic organization to speak to students at schools within the district after the patriotic organization has provided reasonable notice of its intent to speak to students and provide displays.

2. Must notify parents or guardians of each patriotic organization's expected presentation and the option to withhold consent for their child participating in such presentation.

(3) A school district may not discriminate against an organization in subsection (1) in the use of any school building or property for the purposes of paragraphs (2)(a) and (b), if such activities occur outside of the school day.

(4) A school district that allows a patriotic organization to speak with and distribute informational materials to students or use school buildings or property pursuant to this section is not required to provide equal access to an organization that is not designated as a patriotic organization.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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