For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN YOUTH GROUPS TO USE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS OR PROPERTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES AT TIMES OTHER THAN INSTRUCTIONAL TIME; TO ALLOW CERTAIN YOUTH GROUPS TO SPEAK TO STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW CERTAIN YOUTH GROUPS TO USE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS OR PROPERTY TO PROVIDE SERVICES AT TIMES OTHER THAN INSTRUCTIONAL TIME; AND TO ALLOW CERTAIN YOUTH GROUPS TO SPEAK TO STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-10-130. Patriotic Access to Students in Schools Act.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Patriotic Access to Students in School Act".

(b) As used in this section, "patriotic society" means any youth group listed in Title 36 of the United States Code, as it existed on January 1, 2017.

(c)(1) Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the principal of a public school shall allow during school hours representatives of a patriotic
society the opportunity to:

(A) Speak with and recruit students to participate in the patriotic society; and

(B) Inform the students of how the patriotic society may further the students’ educational interests and civic involvement to better the students’ schools and communities and themselves.

(2) The patriotic society shall provide verbal or written notice to the principal of the patriotic society’s intent to speak to the students.

(3) The principal shall provide verbal or written approval of the specific day and time for the patriotic society speak to the students.

(d) A patriotic society shall be allowed the use of any school building or property to provide services allowing students to participate in activities provided by the patriotic society at times other than instructional time during the school day.

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