

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties note that youth who participate in after-school programs achieve many positive outcomes. S.B. 585 allows for the congressionally designated Title 36 youth groups to coordinate with the principal of a public school at the beginning of the school year to come in and briefly speak to the students about the benefits of getting involved in youth organizations.

As proposed, S.B. 585 amends current law relating to the opportunity of certain patriotic societies to present information regarding the society to public school students during regular school hours.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Education Code, by adding Section 25.0822, as follows:

Sec. 25.0822. PATRIOTIC SOCIETY ACCESS TO STUDENTS. (a) Defines "patriotic society."

(b) Requires the principal of a public school campus, at the beginning of each school year, to provide representatives of a patriotic society with the opportunity to speak to students during regular school hours about membership and certain potential membership outcomes.

(c) Provides that a principal has complete discretion over the specific date and time of the opportunity required to be provided under this section, except that the principal must limit the opportunity provided to a patriotic society to a single school day and any presentation made to students as a result of the opportunity may not exceed 10 minutes in length.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.