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SENATE BILL 533

Short Title: Patriotic Society Presentations in Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Edwards, Daniel, and Ballard (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 3, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PERMIT PATRIOTIC SOCIETY PRESENTATIONS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR FOR NO MORE THAN ONE HOUR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) G.S. 115C-81.60 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(c) Patriotic Society Presentations in Schools. –

(1) The principal of each school shall allow representatives of a patriotic society the opportunity to speak with students at the beginning of each school year during instructional hours to inform the students of how the patriotic society may further the students' educational interest and civic involvement to better their schools, communities, and themselves. For the purposes of this subsection, a patriotic society is a group or organization listed in Title 36 of the United States Code that is a youth membership organization with an educational purpose that aligns with the standard course of study and promotes civic involvement.

(2) The representatives shall provide to the principal oral or written notice of the patriotic society's desire to speak with students. The principal shall provide oral or written approval of the specific day and time for the representatives to address the students for no more than one hour."

SECTION 1.(b) G.S. 115C-218.75 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(g) Patriotic Society Presentations in Schools. –

(1) A charter school shall allow representatives of a patriotic society the opportunity to speak with students at the beginning of each school year during instructional hours to inform the students of how the patriotic society may further the students' educational interest and civic involvement to better their schools, communities, and themselves. For the purposes of this subsection, a patriotic society is a group or organization listed in Title 36 of the United States Code that is a youth membership organization with an educational purpose that aligns with the standard course of study and promotes civic involvement.

(2) The representatives shall provide to the charter school oral or written notice of the patriotic society's desire to speak with students. The charter school shall provide oral or written approval of the specific day and time for the representatives to address the students for no more than one hour."

SECTION 1.(c) G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:



1 "(14) Patriotic society presentations in schools. –

- 2 a. A regional school shall allow representatives of a patriotic society the
3 opportunity to speak with students at the beginning of each school year
4 during instructional hours to inform the students of how the patriotic
5 society may further the students' educational interest and civic
6 involvement to better their schools, communities, and themselves. For
7 the purposes of this subdivision, a patriotic society is a group or
8 organization listed in Title 36 of the United States Code that is a youth
9 membership organization with an educational purpose that aligns with
10 the standard course of study and promotes civic involvement.
11 b. The representatives shall provide to the regional school oral or written
12 notice of the patriotic society's desire to speak with students. The
13 regional school shall provide oral or written approval of the specific
14 day and time for the representatives to address the students for no more
15 than one hour."

16 **SECTION 1.(d)** G.S. 116-239.8 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

17 "(17) Patriotic society presentations in schools. –

- 18 a. A laboratory school shall allow representatives of a patriotic society
19 the opportunity to speak with students at the beginning of each school
20 year during instructional hours to inform the students of how the
21 patriotic society may further the students' educational interest and
22 civic involvement to better their schools, communities, and
23 themselves. For the purposes of this subdivision, a patriotic society is
24 a group or organization listed in Title 36 of the United States Code that
25 is a youth membership organization with an educational purpose that
26 aligns with the standard course of study and promotes civic
27 involvement.
28 b. The representatives shall provide to the laboratory school oral or
29 written notice of the patriotic society's desire to speak with students.
30 The laboratory school shall provide oral or written approval of the
31 specific day and time for the representatives to address the students for
32 no more than one hour."

33 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
34 the 2019-2020 school year.