

HOUSE BILL 905

By Hill

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to elementary and secondary education.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

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(a) Within two (2) weeks of the beginning of the school year, each school shall notify the parents or legal guardians of all clubs and organizations available to students attending such school. Parents or legal guardians shall be informed of:

- (1) The names of the clubs and organizations, including any abbreviations or acronyms;
- (2) The mission and purpose of the clubs and organizations;
- (3) The names of all faculty, adult sponsors, and facilitators of the clubs and organizations;
- (4) The names of any local, regional, state, or national organizations with which the clubs and organizations are affiliated or associated; and
- (5) All financial requirements associated with membership in the club or organization.

(b) A school shall properly notify parents or legal guardians by:

(1) Prominently displaying the information in the school's student handbook, or other standard or policy guidebook that contains the policies and procedures of the school and is distributed annually;

(2) Sending informational letters that detail each club and organization as required in subsection (a) to the student's mailing address.

(c) No school shall permit a student to become a member or participate in any activities of a club or organization unless such student tenders a written permission slip signed and dated by a parent or legal guardian.

(d) Schools shall regularly update parents or legal guardians on any modifications to the purpose or mission of existing clubs or organizations or the inception of new clubs or organizations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.