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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Senate Bill 549 requires traditional public schools and independent charter schools to allow federally chartered youth membership organizations¹ to provide information to students at school during the school day at the beginning of the school year. If a youth membership organization submits a request to the school principal, the principal must schedule at least one date and time for the organization to provide students with oral information, written information, or both about how the organization furthers the educational interests and civic involvement of students consistent with good citizenship.

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Senate Amendment 1 specifies that the information a youth membership organization provides to students is for the purpose of encouraging students to join the organization. The amendment also clarifies that the time a principal schedules for a youth membership organization to provide information to students may be non-instructional time, as determined by the principal.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Cabral-Guevara offered Senate Amendment 1 on January 23, 2024. On February 5, 2024, the Senate Committee on Education recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0. The committee then recommended passage of Senate Bill 549, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 2.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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¹ The bill defines “youth membership organization” as an organization identified in chs. 301, 309, 311, 709, or 803 of Title 36 of the U.S. Code that has an educational purpose and promotes civic involvement. These organizations are: (1) Big Brothers, Big Sisters of America; (2) Boy Scouts of America; (3) Boys and Girls Clubs of America; (4) Future Farmers of America; and (5) Girl Scouts of the United States.