

HOUSE BILL 2147

By Womick

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, Part 3, relative to patriotic societies.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "patriotic society" or "society" means a group or organization listed in title 36 of the United States Code that is intended to serve young people under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(b) Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, the principal of each school shall allow representatives of a patriotic society the opportunity to speak with students during school hours to inform the students about the civic involvement of the society, as well as explain how students may participate or join the society.

(c) The patriotic society shall be given only one (1) day at the beginning of each academic school year, as approved by the principal, for the society to speak to the students at the school for no more than ten (10) minutes.

(d) The patriotic society shall provide written notice to the principal of the society's intent to speak to the students. The principal shall provide written approval of the specific day and time for the society to address the students.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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