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H. F. No. **1523**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education; permitting youth development organizations informational
1.3 access to students; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter
1.4 123B.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. [123B.495] YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS;
1.7 INFORMATIONAL ACCESS.

1.8 (a) School districts shall permit access to school facilities to youth development
1.9 organizations to distribute informational literature and promotional materials in order to
1.10 inform parents about participation in such organizations and their activities as provided in
1.11 paragraphs (c) and (d).

1.12 (b) "Youth development organization" means any group with a state or nationwide
1.13 presence and a primary focus of providing youth development programming for the purposes
1.14 of encouraging civic education, providing access to leadership opportunities and learning
1.15 opportunities outside of the classroom, and promoting community well-being. Youth
1.16 development organization does not include any group that advocates or practices hatred,
1.17 hostility, or violence toward members of a race, ethnicity, nation, religion, gender, gender
1.18 identity, sexual orientation, or any other protected group.

1.19 (c) A school district shall permit informational literature regarding youth development
1.20 organizations to be distributed to students, in paper form, during school hours. The youth
1.21 development organization shall provide to the superintendent written notice of the
1.22 organization's intent to distribute informational literature to the students, with a copy of the
1.23 materials, at least one week in advance.

2.1 (d) The youth development organization is responsible for all direct costs of preparing
2.2 and distributing its informational literature, but must not be assessed any fees for such access
2.3 or usage.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2021.