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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING RECRUITING AT HIGH SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) On or before January 1,
2 2009, each local and regional board of education shall adopt a written
3 policy, in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, to regulate
4 recruitment by the armed forces, prospective employers, and
5 institutions of higher education and other post secondary educational
6 institutions at the high schools under the jurisdiction of the board of
7 education.

8 (b) The policy shall:

9 (1) Prohibit recruitment of any student under fifteen years of age,
10 unless the recruiter has requested and received permission from the
11 student's parent or guardian for such recruitment;

12 (2) Require a recruiter to obtain the permission of the principal of
13 the school prior to doing any recruiting at the school;

14 (3) Require a recruiter to set up any appointment with an individual
15 student through the guidance office of the school;

16 (4) Limit recruitment meetings and presentations to designated
17 areas of the school;

18 (5) Require parents or guardians and students to be notified, in
19 accordance with subsection (c) of this section, that attendance at any
20 recruiting meeting or presentation is voluntary;

21 (6) Require, in accordance with federal law and regulations, release
22 of the names, addresses and telephone listings of students to recruiters
23 for the armed forces, and institutions of higher education and other
24 post secondary educational institutions, upon the request of a recruiter
25 for the armed forces or such an institution, unless the student, if the
26 student is eighteen years of age or older, or the student's parent or
27 guardian, if the student is under eighteen years of age, requests that
28 such information not be released. Prior to such information being
29 released, (A) the school shall notify the student and parent or
30 guardian, as appropriate, in writing and in accordance with subsection
31 (c) of this section, of the policy on releasing information and the right
32 to request that the information not be released, and (B) the school shall
33 give the student, parent or guardian a reasonable amount of time to
34 make a request that the information not be released. The notice shall
35 include a form that the student or parent or guardian can sign for
36 purposes of making such request and, if such request is made, the
37 information shall not be released;

38 (7) Require any recruiting entity, that as part of its hiring, enlistment
39 or other binding agreement with a student, disclaims promises made
40 by its recruiters to disclose the disclaimer in writing to the student. The
41 recruiter shall provide each recruited student with a copy of the
42 disclaimer regardless of whether the recruiter is meeting individually
43 with a student or is making a presentation at the school; and

44 (8) Provide the same access to students by recruiters for the armed
45 forces as is generally provided to recruiters for institutions of higher
46 education and other postsecondary educational institutions, and
47 prospective employers, in accordance with federal law and

48 regulations.

49 (c) If a local or regional board of education is required to provide a
50 program of bilingual education pursuant to section 10-17f of the
51 general statutes, the policy shall require that notices required pursuant
52 to subdivisions (5) and (6) of subsection (b) of this section be provided
53 to students enrolled in such program and the parents or guardians of
54 such students in their dominant language.

55 (d) The Department of Education shall (1) develop sample forms
56 that local and regional boards of education may use for the notice and
57 request for information to not be released pursuant to subdivision (6)
58 of subsection (b) of this section, and (2) provide technical assistance to
59 local and regional boards of education in the development of a policy
60 in accordance with this section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2008</i> | New section |

ED *Joint Favorable*