

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1345

As Reported by House Committee On:
Education

Title: An act relating to access to K-12 campuses for occupational or educational information.

Brief Description: Regarding access to K-12 campuses for occupational or educational information.

Sponsors: Representatives Hayes, O'Ban, Hope, Dahlquist and Magendanz.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Education: 2/5/13, 2/8/13 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires that school districts provide official recruiting representatives of the Job Corps, Peace Corps, and AmeriCorps with access to campuses and student information that is equal to what is given to postsecondary educational or occupational representatives.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 21 members: Representatives Santos, Chair; Stonier, Vice Chair; Dahlquist, Ranking Minority Member; Magendanz, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bergquist, Fagan, Haigh, Hargrove, Hawkins, Hayes, Hunt, Klippert, Lytton, Maxwell, McCoy, Orwall, Parker, Pike, Pollet, Seaquist and Warnick.

Staff: Luke Wickham (786-7146).

Background:

No Child Left Behind.

The federal No Child Left Behind Act requires that states receiving federal funds provide military recruiters the same access to high school students that they provide to postsecondary institutions or prospective employers.

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Job Corps, Peace Corps, and AmeriCorps.

Job Corps is a free education and training program operated by the United States Department of Labor that helps young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or General Educational Development certification, and find a job. The Peace Corps is an agency of the federal government that runs a volunteer program with a mission to provide technical assistance to developing regions, help people outside the United States understand American culture, and help Americans understand the cultures of other countries. AmeriCorps is also a federal program that provides adults with community service work with the goal of helping others and meeting critical needs in the community.

Summary of Bill:

School district boards of directors are required to provide access to campuses and the student information directory for official recruiting representatives of the Job Corps, Peace Corps, and AmeriCorps if that access is granted to persons or groups which make students aware of postsecondary occupational or educational options.

The access, including number of days and type of presentation space, provided to official recruiting representatives of the Job Corps, Peace Corps, and AmeriCorps must be equal to and no less than access provided to other postsecondary occupational or educational representatives.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) The idea of the bill is to allow recruiters greater access to our students. Our students need to be fully informed of the opportunities available to them. Many of our students are not college bound and these opportunities should be made available to them. It is good to make these opportunities known to students.

(Opposed) None.

Persons Testifying: Representative Hayes, prime sponsor; Edri Geiger, Vancouver Public Schools; and Michael Thurman, Navy Recruiting.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.