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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 organizations informational access to
1.3 students; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 123B.

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

1.5 Section 1. 123B.495] YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS; INFORMATIONAL ACCESS.

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

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

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

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

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2019.