

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1854

By: Shumate and Ritze of the  
House

and

Stanislawski of the Senate

An Act relating to higher education; directing the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to adopt an equal access policy for statewide professional educators' associations; specifying content of the policy; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Higher education

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3246 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education adopt a policy for each institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education which has a teacher education program that will require equal access for statewide professional educators' associations to students enrolled in the program. The policy shall prohibit teacher education programs and the faculty and employees of the program from denying a statewide professional educators' association equal access to students enrolled in the program to the same extent that access is granted to other educators' associations. The policy shall define access to include:

1. Setting up informational tables at the institution or student meetings;

2. Speaking at student meetings;

3. Distributing information in mail boxes or through the e-mail system of the institution;

4. Utilizing institution meeting rooms during nonworking hours;

5. Posting information on bulletin boards; and

6. Utilizing printing services for the institution.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of May, 2011.

  
Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 13th day of May, 2011.

  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Received by the Governor this 16<sup>th</sup>  
day of May, 20 11,  
at 1:54 o'clock P.M.

By: 

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 20 11, at 1:49 o'clock P.M.

  
Governor of the State of Oklahoma

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

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