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ACCESS TO HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS & STUDENT DIRECTORY FOR MILITARY RECRUITERS

House Bill 5139
Sponsor: Rep. Wayne Kuipers
Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5139 AS INTRODUCED 10-3-01

House Bill 5139 would amend the Revised School Code to require school officials of a public high school to provide reasonable access to the high school campus, and also access to pupil directory information, to official armed forces recruiters, in order to tell students about the educational and career opportunities available, both in the armed forces and in the service academies. The bill defines “pupil directory information” to mean a pupil’s name, address, and telephone number, if that telephone number is listed or published.

House Bill 5139 also specifies that if a high school student or the parent or legal guardian of a student submits a written request to school officials at the end of the student’s sophomore year that indicates they do not want the student’s directory information to be accessible to recruiters, then access to that information would be prohibited. Further and under the bill, the governing board of a school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy would be required to ensure that students, parents, and guardians were notified of these provisions.

Under the bill, school officials could require recruiters to pay a fee for copying and mailing student directory information; however, the amount of that fee could not exceed the actual costs incurred to provide the information. The bill also specifies that a recruiter could use the directory information only to provide information to students concerning educational and career opportunities. A recruiter (or any other person) who received directory information would be prohibited from releasing the information to a person who was not involved in recruiting.

Under House Bill 5139, public schools would be encouraged to assign one or more school employees to notify male students age 18 or older that they are required to register for the selective service.

Finally, the bill defines “armed forces of the United States” to include the armed forces of the United States and their reserve components and the United States Coast Guard.

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