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House Bill 5139 (as reported without amendment)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require public high school officials to provide official recruiting representatives of the Armed Forces of the United States and the Service Academies of the Armed Forces of the United States at least the same access to the high school campus and to pupil directory information as provided to other entities offering educational or employment opportunities.

Under the bill, if a high school pupil or the parent or legal guardian of a high school pupil submitted to school officials of a public high school a signed, written request indicating that the parent or legal guardian did not want the pupil's directory information to be accessible to official recruiting representatives from the Armed Forces or Service Academies of the Armed Forces, then the school officials would be prohibited from allowing access to the pupil's directory information. The governing board of the school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy operating the high school would have to ensure that pupils, parents, and guardians were notified of this provision.

Further, the school officials of a public high school would have to provide any public notice required to be given under Section 444 of the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, in order to comply with the bill and Federal law. (Under the Act, an educational agency or institution may disclose directory information if it has given public notice to parents and students about all of the following: the types of information it has designated as directory information; a parent's or student's right to refuse to let the agency or institution designate any or all of those types information about the student as directory information; and the period of time within which a parent or student has to notify the agency or institution in writing that he or she does not want that information designated as student directory information.)

The bill also provides that public schools would be encouraged to assign one or more school employees to notify male pupils age 18 or older that they are required to register for the selective service.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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