

By: Representative Scoggin

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 398

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS TO PERMIT  
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES TO SPEAK TO THE STUDENT  
3 BODY REGARDING CIVIC INVOLVEMENT; TO PRESCRIBE THE PROCESS BY  
4 WHICH SUCH SOCIETIES SHALL BE ALLOTTED DATES AND TIMES TO SPEAK;  
5 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) As used in this section, "patriotic society"  
8 or "society" means a group or organization listed in Title 36 of  
9 the United States Code that is intended to serve young people  
10 under twenty-one (21) years of age.

11 (2) Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the principal  
12 of each school shall allow representatives of a patriotic society  
13 the opportunity to speak with students during school hours to  
14 inform the students about the civic involvement of the society, as  
15 well as explain how students may participate or join the society.

16 (3) The patriotic society shall be given only one (1) day at  
17 the beginning of each academic school year, as approved by the  
18 principal, for the society to speak to the students at the school  
19 for no more than ten (10) minutes.



20           (4) The patriotic society shall provide written notice to  
21 the principal of the society's intent to speak to the students.  
22 The principal shall provide written approval of the specific day  
23 and time for the society to address the students.

24           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
25 and after July 1, 2019.

