

By: Representative Scoggin

To: Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 595

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS TO PERMIT THE BOY
2 SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF
3 AMERICA TO SPEAK WITH STUDENTS ABOUT CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND THEIR
4 PARTICIPATION; TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR APPROVAL OF REQUESTS TO
5 SPEAK WITH STUDENTS; TO REQUIRE PARENTS TO BE NOTIFIED OF SUCH
6 PRESENTATIONS BY THE BOY SCOUTS OR GIRL SCOUTS; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** (1) Representatives of the Boy Scouts of America
10 and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America shall be
11 allowed the opportunity to speak with students at public schools
12 and charter schools in the State of Mississippi about the civic
13 involvement of the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, and to explain
14 how students may participate or join the Boy Scouts or the Girl
15 Scouts.

16 (2) Before addressing the student body of a public school or
17 charter school, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts shall submit a
18 written request to the principal of the school to speak to the
19 students enrolled therein. The principal shall provide written
20 approval to the requesting Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts



21 representative of the manner, date and time for the Boy Scouts or
22 Girl Scouts, or both, to speak with the students. Additionally,
23 the principal shall inform parents of the presentation at least
24 three (3) days before its scheduled occurrence, and shall include
25 the manner by which students will be addressed, as well as the
26 date and time of the presentation.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after July 1, 2024.

