

By Senator Baker

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the use of public buildings
3 and grounds; amending s. 1013.10, F.S.;
4 requiring school boards to permit certain
5 chartered or recognized youth organizations to
6 use educational facilities; creating s.
7 255.044, F.S.; requiring state, county,
8 municipal, or local governmental entities and
9 certain nongovernmental entities to permit such
10 youth organizations to use public facilities in
11 their control; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15 Section 1. Section 1013.10, Florida Statutes, is
16 amended to read:

17 1013.10 Use of buildings and grounds.--

18 (1)(a) The board may permit the use of educational
19 facilities and grounds for any legal assembly or for community
20 use centers or may permit the same to be used as voting places
21 in any primary, regular, or special election.

22 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law, ordinance,
23 resolution, or other act to the contrary, the board must
24 permit the use of such educational facilities and grounds for
25 legal assembly or other use by a unit, chapter, or local
26 affiliate of a chartered or recognized national youth
27 organization that has been in continuous existence for at
28 least 10 years and has held a federal tax exemption for at
29 least 10 years.

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1 (2) The board shall adopt rules or policies and
2 procedures necessary to protect educational facilities and
3 grounds when used for such purposes.

4 Section 2. Section 255.044, Florida Statutes, is
5 created to read:

6 255.044 Use of public buildings by youth
7 organizations.--Notwithstanding any provision of law,
8 ordinance, resolution, or other act to the contrary, each
9 state, county, municipal, or local governmental entity or
10 nongovernmental entity that provides governmental services,
11 which is responsible for or maintains control over any public
12 facility or grounds, must permit the use of such facility or
13 grounds for legal assembly or other uses by any unit, chapter,
14 or local affiliate of a chartered or recognized national youth
15 organization that has been in continuous existence for at
16 least 10 years and has held a federal tax exemption for at
17 least 10 years.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires school boards and other governmental entities to permit certain chartered or recognized youth organizations to use public facilities or grounds in the control of the school board or entity.