

State of Arizona  
Senate  
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# SENATE BILL 1453

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-113; RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 15-113, to read:  
4 15-113. Rights of parents; public educational institutions;  
5 definition  
6 A. A PARENT OF A STUDENT IN A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION HAS THE  
7 RIGHT TO REVIEW LEARNING MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES IN ADVANCE, UPON WRITTEN  
8 REQUEST. A PARENT WHO OBJECTS TO ANY LEARNING MATERIAL OR ACTIVITY ON THE  
9 BASIS THAT THE MATERIAL OR ACTIVITY IS HARMFUL MAY SUBMIT A REQUEST IN  
10 WRITING TO WITHDRAW THAT STUDENT FROM THE ACTIVITY OR FROM THE CLASS OR  
11 PROGRAM IN WHICH THE MATERIAL IS USED AND REQUEST AN ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT.  
12 B. FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE, A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL  
13 INSTITUTION MUST OBTAIN SIGNED, WRITTEN CONSENT FROM A STUDENT'S PARENT  
14 BEFORE SHOWING THE STUDENT ANY MOVIE OR FILM THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN A RESTRICTED  
15 RATING BY THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES  
16 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHT, A PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION MUST OBTAIN  
17 SIGNED, WRITTEN CONSENT FROM A STUDENT'S PARENT BEFORE SHOWING THE STUDENT A  
18 MOVIE OR FILM THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN A PG-13 RATING BY THE MOTION PICTURE  
19 ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. CHARTER SCHOOLS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO RECEIVE PARENTAL  
20 CONSENT.  
21 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:  
22 1. "OBJECTION TO A LEARNING MATERIAL OR ACTIVITY ON THE BASIS THAT IT  
23 IS HARMFUL" MEANS OBJECTION TO A MATERIAL OR ACTIVITY BECAUSE OF SEXUAL  
24 CONTENT, VIOLENT CONTENT, OR PROFANE OR VULGAR LANGUAGE.  
25 2. "PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION" MEANS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:  
26 (a) A SCHOOL DISTRICT, INCLUDING ITS SCHOOLS.  
27 (b) AN ACCOMMODATION SCHOOL.  
28 (c) THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND.