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SENATE BILL 1554

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-249.02; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(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 2, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 15-249.02, to read:

4 15-249.02. Teacher liability insurance; request for proposals;
5 contract

6 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO
7 INSURANCE CARRIERS TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE TO
8 TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO COVER CONDUCT THAT FALLS OUTSIDE OF
9 A TEACHER'S SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT AND WHICH IS NOT ALREADY COVERED BY THE
10 DISTRICT'S EXISTING INSURANCE COVERAGE. THE LIABILITY INSURANCE CONTEMPLATED
11 BY THIS SECTION IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE
12 PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-502, SUBSECTION G. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31,
13 2011, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL AWARD A CONTRACT TO THE INSURANCE
14 CARRIER THAT WILL PROVIDE TEACHER LIABILITY INSURANCE IN THE MOST EFFICIENT
15 AND COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER. ANY TEACHER EMPLOYED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY
16 AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 23-352 TO WITHHOLD A
17 PORTION OF THE TEACHER'S WAGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING LIABILITY
18 INSURANCE FROM THE INSURANCE CARRIER SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO
19 THIS SECTION.