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# **SB 1415**

Introduced by  
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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-716, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL CURRICULA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-716, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-716. Instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome;  
5 department assistance; parental opt-out

6 A. Each common, high and unified school district may provide  
7 instruction to PUPILS IN kindergarten programs AND GRADES ONE through ~~the~~  
8 ~~twelfth grade~~ TWELVE on acquired immune deficiency syndrome and the human  
9 immunodeficiency virus.

10 B. Each district ~~is free to~~ MAY develop its own course of study for  
11 each grade. At a minimum, instruction shall:

- 12 1. Be appropriate to the grade level in which it is offered.
- 13 2. Be medically accurate.
- 14 3. Promote abstinence.
- 15 4. Discourage drug abuse.
- 16 5. Dispel myths regarding transmission of the human  
17 immunodeficiency virus.

18 ~~C. No district shall include in its course of study instruction~~  
19 ~~which:~~

- 20 ~~1. Promotes a homosexual life style.~~
- 21 ~~2. Portrays homosexuality as a positive alternative life style.~~
- 22 ~~3. Suggests that some methods of sex are safe methods of homosexual~~  
23 ~~sex.~~

24 ~~D.~~ C. At the request of a school district, the department of  
25 health services or the department of education shall review instruction  
26 materials to determine their medical accuracy.

27 ~~E.~~ D. At the request of a school district, the department of  
28 education shall provide the following assistance:

- 29 1. A suggested course of study.
- 30 2. Teacher training.
- 31 3. A list of available films and other teaching aids.

32 ~~F.~~ E. At the request of a parent, a pupil shall be excused from  
33 instruction on the acquired immune deficiency syndrome and the human  
34 immunodeficiency virus as provided in subsection A of this section. The  
35 school district shall notify all parents of their ability to withdraw  
36 their child from the instruction.