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classroom instruction; posting requirements

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# HOUSE BILL 2533

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-102, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 8, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-189.08; RELATING TO CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-102, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-102. Parental involvement in the school; posting  
5 requirements; definition

6 A. Each school district governing board, in consultation with  
7 parents, teachers and administrators, shall develop and adopt a policy to  
8 promote the involvement of parents and guardians of children enrolled in  
9 the schools within the school district, including:

10 1. A plan for parent participation in the schools that is designed  
11 to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework,  
12 attendance and discipline. The plan shall provide for the administration  
13 of a parent-teacher satisfaction survey.

14 2. Procedures by which parents may learn about the course of study  
15 for their children and review learning materials, including the source of  
16 any supplemental educational materials. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL POST  
17 AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ON ITS WEBSITE FREE OF CHARGE:

18 (a) EACH EDUCATIONAL COURSE OF STUDY OFFERED BY EACH SCHOOL IN THE  
19 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

20 (b) A LIST OF ALL LEARNING MATERIALS, INCLUDING THE SOURCE OF ANY  
21 SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, THAT ARE BEING USED IN EACH SCHOOL IN  
22 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

23 (c) EACH LESSON PLAN THAT IS BEING USED OR IMPLEMENTED IN EACH  
24 SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

25 3. Beginning January 1, 2023, procedures by which parents have  
26 access to the school's library collection of available books and materials  
27 and parents may receive a list of books and materials borrowed from the  
28 library by their children. The policy must provide that the following are  
29 exempt from the procedures prescribed pursuant to this paragraph:

30 (a) Schools without a full-time library media specialist or an  
31 equivalent position.

32 (b) School district libraries that have agreements with county free  
33 library districts, municipal libraries or other entities pursuant to  
34 section 15-362, subsection D.

35 4. Procedures by which parents who object to any learning material  
36 or activity on the basis that the material or activity is harmful may  
37 withdraw their children from the activity or from the class or program in  
38 which the material is used. Objection to a learning material or activity  
39 on the basis that the material or activity is harmful includes objection  
40 to the material or activity because it questions beliefs or practices in  
41 sex, morality or religion.

42 5. If a school district offers any sex education curricula pursuant  
43 to section 15-711 or 15-716 or pursuant to any rules adopted by the state  
44 board of education, procedures to prohibit the school district from  
45 providing sex education instruction to a pupil unless the pupil's parent

1 provides written permission for the child to participate in the sex  
2 education curricula.

3 6. Procedures by which parents will be notified in advance of and  
4 given the opportunity to opt their children in to any instruction,  
5 learning materials or presentations regarding sexuality, in courses other  
6 than formal sex education curricula.

7 7. Procedures by which parents may learn about the nature and  
8 purpose of clubs and activities that are part of the school curriculum,  
9 extracurricular clubs and activities that have been approved by the  
10 school.

11 8. Procedures by which parents may learn about parental rights and  
12 responsibilities under the laws of this state, including the following:

13 (a) The right to opt in to a sex education curriculum if one is  
14 provided by the school district.

15 (b) Open enrollment rights pursuant to section 15-816.01.

16 (c) The right to opt out of assignments pursuant to this section.

17 (d) The right to opt out of immunizations pursuant to section  
18 15-873.

19 (e) The promotion requirements prescribed in section 15-701.

20 (f) The minimum course of study and competency requirements for  
21 graduation from high school prescribed in section 15-701.01.

22 (g) The right to opt out of instruction on acquired immune  
23 deficiency syndrome pursuant to section 15-716.

24 (h) The right to review test results pursuant to section 15-743.

25 (i) The right to participate in gifted programs pursuant to section  
26 15-779.01.

27 (j) The right to access instructional materials pursuant to section  
28 15-730.

29 (k) The right to receive a school report card pursuant to section  
30 15-746.

31 (l) The attendance requirements prescribed in sections 15-802,  
32 15-803 and 15-821.

33 (m) The right to public review of courses of study, textbooks and  
34 library books and materials pursuant to sections 15-721 and 15-722.

35 (n) The right to be excused from school attendance for religious  
36 purposes pursuant to section 15-806.

37 (o) Policies related to parental involvement pursuant to this  
38 section.

39 (p) The right to seek membership on school councils pursuant to  
40 section 15-351.

41 (q) Information about the student accountability information system  
42 as prescribed in section 15-1041.

43 (r) The right to access the failing schools tutoring fund pursuant  
44 to section 15-241.

1 (s) The right to access all written and electronic records of a  
2 school district or school district employee concerning the parent's child  
3 pursuant to section 15-143.

4 B. The policy adopted by the governing board pursuant to this  
5 section may also include the following components:

6 1. A plan by which parents will be made aware of the district's  
7 parental involvement policy and this section, including:

8 (a) Rights under the family educational rights and privacy act of  
9 1974 (20 United States Code section 1232g) relating to access to  
10 children's official records.

11 (b) The parent's right to inspect the school district policies and  
12 curriculum.

13 2. Efforts to encourage the development of parenting skills.

14 3. Communicating to parents techniques that are designed to assist  
15 the child's learning experience in the home.

16 4. Efforts to encourage access to community and support services  
17 for children and families.

18 5. Promoting communication between the school and parents  
19 concerning school programs and the academic progress of the parents'  
20 children.

21 6. Identifying opportunities for parents to participate in and  
22 support classroom instruction at the school.

23 7. Efforts to support, with appropriate training, parents as shared  
24 decision-makers and to encourage membership on school councils.

25 8. Recognizing the diversity of parents and developing guidelines  
26 that promote widespread parental participation and involvement in the  
27 school at various levels.

28 9. Developing preparation programs and specialized courses for  
29 certificated employees and administrators that promote parental  
30 involvement.

31 10. Developing strategies and programmatic structures at schools to  
32 encourage and enable parents to participate actively in their children's  
33 education.

34 C. The governing board may adopt a policy to provide to parents the  
35 information required by this section in an electronic form.

36 D. A parent shall submit a written request for information pursuant  
37 to this section during regular business hours to either the school  
38 principal at the school site or the superintendent of the school district  
39 at the office of the school district. Within ten days after receiving the  
40 request for information, the school principal or the superintendent of the  
41 school district shall either deliver the requested information to the  
42 parent or submit to the parent a written explanation of the reasons for  
43 denying the requested information. If the request for information is  
44 denied or the parent does not receive the requested information within  
45 fifteen days after submitting the request for information, the parent may

1 request the information in writing from the school district governing  
2 board, which shall formally consider the request at the next scheduled  
3 public meeting of the governing board if the request can be properly  
4 noticed on the agenda. If the request cannot be properly noticed on the  
5 agenda, the governing board shall formally consider the request at the  
6 next subsequent public meeting of the governing board.

7 E. For the purposes of this section, "parent" means the natural or  
8 adoptive parent or legal guardian of a minor child.

9 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 1, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
10 is amended by adding section 15-189.08, to read:

11 15-189.08. Courses of study; learning materials; lesson  
12 plans; posting requirement

13 EACH CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL POST AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF ALL OF THE  
14 FOLLOWING ON ITS WEBSITE FREE OF CHARGE:

15 1. EACH EDUCATIONAL COURSE OF STUDY THAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL IS  
16 OFFERING.

17 2. A LIST OF ALL LEARNING MATERIALS, INCLUDING THE SOURCE OF ANY  
18 SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, THAT ARE BEING USED IN THE CHARTER  
19 SCHOOL.

20 3. EACH LESSON PLAN THAT IS BEING USED OR IMPLEMENTED IN THE  
21 CHARTER SCHOOL.