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Representative Heap

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-113, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-113, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-113. Rights of parents; public educational institutions;
5 definitions

6 A. A parent of a student in a public educational institution has
7 the right to review learning materials and activities in advance. A
8 parent who objects to any learning material or activity on the basis that
9 the material or activity is harmful may request to withdraw that parent's
10 student from the activity or from the class or program in which the
11 material is used and request an alternative assignment.

12 B. A charter school may require parents to waive the right to
13 object to learning materials or activities pursuant to subsection A of
14 this section as a condition of enrollment if the charter school provides a
15 complete list of books and materials to be used each school year before
16 the student enrolls. If the charter school introduces books or materials
17 that were not disclosed ~~prior to~~ BEFORE enrollment, the parent retains the
18 right to object to those materials pursuant to subsection A of this
19 section.

20 C. A charter school may require that any request to review learning
21 materials or activities or to withdraw the student from learning materials
22 or activities pursuant to subsection A of this section be made in writing.

23 D. A public educational institution shall obtain signed, written
24 consent from a student's parent or guardian before doing either of the
25 following:

26 1. Using video, audio or electronic materials that may be
27 inappropriate for the age of the student.

28 2. Providing sex education instruction to the student. At the same
29 time the public educational institution seeks consent, it shall inform the
30 student's parent or guardian of the parent's or guardian's right to review
31 the ~~instructional~~ LEARNING materials and activities.

32 E. For the purposes of this section:

33 1. "Objects to any learning material or activity on the basis that
34 the material or activity is harmful" means objecting to the material or
35 activity because of sexual content, violent content or profane or vulgar
36 language.

37 2. "Public educational institution" means any of the following:

38 (a) A school district, including its schools.

39 (b) A charter school.

40 (c) An accommodation school.

41 (d) The Arizona state schools for the deaf and the blind.