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school safety program; proposals

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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-120.05; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-154 AND 15-155, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 56, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-5706; RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

(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
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-120.05, to read:

4 15-120.05. School officers; children with disabilities;
5 required training; definition

6 A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT EMPLOYS ONE OR MORE
7 OFFICERS ON ONE OR MORE SCHOOL CAMPUSES, INCLUDING INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT
8 THROUGH THE SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-154, SHALL TRAIN
9 EACH OFFICER HOW TO RECOGNIZE AND EFFECTIVELY INTERACT WITH CHILDREN WITH
10 DISABILITIES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-761.

11 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "OFFICER" INCLUDES:

12 1. A PEACE OFFICER.

13 2. A FULL-AUTHORITY RESERVE PEACE OFFICER WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE
14 ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD.

15 3. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER
16 SCHOOL IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S OFF-DUTY CAPACITY AS AN OFFICER DESCRIBED IN
17 PARAGRAPH 1 OR 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

18 4. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AS A PEACE OFFICER IN
19 THIS STATE AND WHO RETIRED IN GOOD STANDING.

20 5. A JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER.

21 Sec. 2. Section 15-154, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
22 read:

23 15-154. School safety program; purpose; program proposals;
24 requirements; annual report; definitions

25 A. The school safety program is established within the department
26 of education to support, promote and enhance safe and effective learning
27 environments for all students by supporting the costs of placing school
28 resource officers, juvenile probation officers, SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS,
29 school counselors and school social workers on school campuses. THE
30 SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM MAY ALSO SUPPORT THE COSTS OF PURCHASING SAFETY
31 TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY TRAINING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR SCHOOL
32 CAMPUSES AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION. A school district
33 or charter school may apply to participate in the school safety program as
34 provided in this section for up to three fiscal years by submitting by
35 April 15 a program proposal to the department of education. A school
36 district or charter school that receives approval for a three-year program
37 under this subsection may annually submit a modified spending plan for its
38 approved program.

39 B. A program proposal submitted by a school district or charter
40 school for supporting the costs of placing school resource officers, ~~or~~
41 juvenile probation officers OR SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS, or ~~both~~ ANY
42 COMBINATION OF THESE OFFICERS, on a school campus shall contain:

43 1. A detailed description of the school safety needs of the charter
44 school or school district.

1 2. A plan for implementing a law-related education program or a
2 plan that demonstrates the existence of a law-related education program as
3 a school safety prevention strategy.

4 3. A plan to use trained school resource officers, ~~or~~ juvenile
5 probation officers OR SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE
6 OFFICERS, in the school, ~~or both~~.

7 4. A PLAN TO TRAIN SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, JUVENILE PROBATION
8 OFFICERS OR SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE OFFICERS,
9 ON THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT, CIVIL RIGHTS AND
10 ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.

11 ~~4.~~ 5. If the school district or charter school has already
12 participated in the school safety program, information on the success,
13 compliance and implementation of the most recent grant.

14 C. A program proposal submitted by a school district or charter
15 school for supporting the costs of placing school counselors or school
16 social workers, or both, on a school campus shall contain:

17 1. A detailed description of the school safety needs of the charter
18 school or school district.

19 2. A plan for implementing a school guidance and counseling program
20 that includes the following:

21 (a) A detailed description of the relationship between the school
22 counselor or the SCHOOL social worker, or both, and local community
23 resources.

24 (b) A plan for using school counselor and school social worker
25 services in the school, or both.

26 (c) A detailed description of the methods for evaluating the
27 effectiveness of the school guidance and counseling plan.

28 (d) Policies on confidentiality under the school guidance and
29 counseling plan.

30 (e) Policies on notifying parents and other family members of
31 issues or concerns as identified in the school guidance and counseling
32 plan.

33 (f) A detailed description of the school's, school district's or
34 charter school's referral procedures to the appropriate community entities
35 and state agencies.

36 3. If the school district or charter school has already
37 participated in the school safety program, information on the success,
38 compliance and implementation of the most recent approved program
39 proposal.

40 D. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL WHOSE PROGRAM PROPOSAL
41 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION WAS APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD
42 OF EDUCATION CANNOT PLACE ONE OR MORE OF THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER,
43 JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER OR SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER OR COMBINATION OF
44 THESE OFFICERS INCLUDED IN THE APPROVED PROGRAM PROPOSAL, THE SCHOOL
45 DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY SUBMIT AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR

1 SUPPORTING THE COSTS OF PURCHASING SAFETY TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY TRAINING AND
2 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR SCHOOL CAMPUSES. AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM
3 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION SHALL CONTAIN:

4 1. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFETY NEEDS OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL
5 OR SCHOOL DISTRICT.

6 2. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURES AND CAPITAL
7 IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING:

8 (a) THE SAFETY NEEDS THAT EACH PROPOSED EXPENDITURE WILL ADDRESS.

9 (b) THE SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGY OR TRAINING PROGRAM THAT THE SCHOOL
10 DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL SEEKS TO ACQUIRE.

11 (c) FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, ALL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
12 IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING FEES, SAFETY
13 EVALUATIONS AND EQUIPMENT FOR SECURING ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

14 3. ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

15 ~~D.~~ E. The department of education shall review and administer the
16 school resource officers, ~~and~~ juvenile probation officers AND SCHOOL
17 SAFETY OFFICERS program proposals in cooperation with the courts, law
18 enforcement agencies and law-related education providers awarded a
19 contract pursuant to section 41-2534, subject to review and approval by
20 the state board of education. The department of education shall use
21 relevant crime statistics to assess the needs of each program proposal and
22 shall visit school districts and charter schools that submit program
23 proposals in order to verify the information contained in the program
24 proposals. The department of education shall contract to provide
25 guidelines, curricula and support resources for school resource officers
26 ~~and~~ juvenile probation officers AND SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS to use in
27 implementing a law-related education program.

28 ~~E.~~ F. The department of education shall review and administer the
29 school counselors and school social workers program proposals in
30 cooperation with school administrators, principals, teachers, parents and
31 community mental health professionals. The department of education shall
32 use relevant school-level academic, social and emotional statistics to
33 assess the needs of each program proposal and shall visit school districts
34 and charter schools that submit program proposals in order to verify the
35 information contained in the program proposals.

36 G. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REVIEW AND ADMINISTER THE
37 SAFETY TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY TRAINING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
38 PROPOSALS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE RELEVANT CRIME STATISTICS TO ASSESS
39 THE NEEDS OF EACH PROGRAM PROPOSAL AND MAY VISIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
40 CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT SUBMIT PROGRAM PROPOSALS IN ORDER TO VERIFY THE
41 INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE PROGRAM PROPOSALS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
42 APPROVE ALL OR PART OF A SAFETY TECHNOLOGY, SAFETY TRAINING OR
43 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROPOSAL.

44 ~~F.~~ H. The department of education, subject to the review and
45 approval of the state board of education, shall distribute monies to the

1 school districts and charter schools that are in compliance with program
2 requirements and whose program proposals have been approved by the state
3 board of education.

4 ~~I.~~ I. The department of education shall review program proposals
5 submitted by school districts and charter schools for participation in the
6 school safety program and shall select school sites that are eligible to
7 receive funding based on school safety needs pursuant to this
8 section. The department of education may prioritize program proposals for
9 school resource officer, ~~and~~ juvenile probation officer **AND SCHOOL SAFETY**
10 **OFFICER** grants to school districts and charter schools that have
11 agreements to share the cost of the school resource officer, ~~or~~ juvenile
12 probation officer **OR SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER** with a law enforcement agency
13 or the courts.

14 ~~H.~~ J. The department of education shall evaluate the effectiveness
15 of all the approved program proposals submitted pursuant to subsections B,
16 ~~and~~ C **AND D** of this section within the school safety program and report on
17 the activities of the program and the participants in the school safety
18 program to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of
19 representatives and the governor on or before November 1 of each year and
20 shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state. The
21 evaluation and report shall include survey results from participating
22 schools and data from participating schools on the impact of participating
23 in the school safety program. The department shall establish data
24 guidelines for school safety program participants to follow in reporting
25 pursuant to this subsection.

26 ~~F.~~ K. The school safety program established by this section shall
27 include a school safety program guidance manual adopted by the department
28 of education that requires a dispute resolution process to be included in
29 the service agreement between a school district or charter school that
30 submitted a program proposal and received a school resource officer grant
31 **OR SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER GRANT** from the school safety program and the law
32 enforcement agency that provides services to the school district or
33 charter school.

34 ~~J.~~ L. Any appropriations that are made to the department of
35 education for the approved program proposals within the school safety
36 program are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to
37 lapsing of appropriations. All monies that are not used for an approved
38 program proposal within the school safety program during the fiscal year
39 for which the monies were appropriated revert to the department of
40 education for distribution to the program in the following fiscal year.

41 ~~K.~~ M. Monies received by a school district or charter school under
42 the **SCHOOL SAFETY** program shall be spent to implement the approved program
43 proposals.

44 ~~L.~~ N. The auditor general shall include the school safety program
45 as part of its ongoing sunset review of agencies and programs.

1 ~~M.~~ 0. For the purposes of this section:
2 1. "Law-related education" means interactive education to equip
3 children and youth with knowledge and skills pertaining to the law, school
4 safety and effective citizenship.
5 2. "Law-related education program" means a program designed to
6 provide children and youth with knowledge, skills and activities
7 pertaining to the law and legal process and to promote law-abiding
8 behavior with the purpose of preventing children and youth from engaging
9 in delinquency or violence and enabling them to become productive
10 citizens.
11 3. "School counselor" means a professional educator who holds a
12 valid school counselor certificate issued by the department of education.
13 4. "School guidance and counseling program" means a counseling
14 program that supports, promotes and enhances the academic, personal,
15 social, emotional and career development of all students.
16 5. "School resource officer" means ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
17 (a) A peace officer. ~~or~~
18 (b) A full-authority reserve peace officer who is certified by the
19 Arizona peace officer standards and training board.
20 (c) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AS A PEACE OFFICER IN
21 THIS STATE, WHO RETIRED IN GOOD STANDING AND WHO IS ASSIGNED TO
22 PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY
23 PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-155.
24 6. "SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER" MEANS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER WHO IS
25 WORKING IN AN OFF-DUTY CAPACITY.
26 ~~6.~~ 7. "School social worker" means a professional educator who
27 holds a valid school social worker certificate issued by the department of
28 education.
29 Sec. 3. Section 15-155, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
30 read:
31 15-155. School safety program; funding
32 A. The department of education shall cooperate with the county
33 school superintendent, the county sheriff and the local chief of police to
34 allow a law enforcement agency, with the consent of the school, to assign
35 a peace officer, ~~or~~ a full authority Arizona peace officer standards and
36 training board certified reserve peace officer OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS
37 PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED AS A PEACE OFFICER IN THIS STATE AND WHO RETIRED IN
38 GOOD STANDING to participate in the school safety program in each school
39 in the county. The cost of the peace officer is a state charge that is
40 funded by the department of education, except for agreements to share the
41 cost of the school resource officer pursuant to section 15-154, subsection
42 ~~6.~~ I.

1 B. In cooperation with the department of education and the county
2 school superintendent and with the consent of the school, the presiding
3 judge of the juvenile court may assign juvenile probation officers to
4 participate in the school safety program in each school in the county.
5 The cost of juvenile probation officers is a state charge that is funded
6 by the department of education, except for agreements to share the cost of
7 the juvenile probation officer pursuant to section 15-154, subsection
8 ~~G~~ I.

9 Sec. 4. Title 41, chapter 56, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
10 is amended by adding section 41-5706, to read:

11 41-5706. School buildings blueprints and floor plans; public
12 records; exemption

13 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, SCHOOL BUILDING BLUEPRINTS AND FLOOR
14 PLANS ARE NOT PUBLIC RECORDS AND ARE EXEMPT FROM TITLE 39, CHAPTER 1.