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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-154, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-154.02; 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. Section 15-154, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-154. School safety program; purpose; program proposals;
5 requirements; annual report; public records
6 exemption; definitions

7 A. The school safety program is established within the department
8 of education to support, promote and enhance safe and effective learning
9 environments for all students by supporting the costs of placing school
10 resource officers, juvenile probation officers, school counselors and
11 school social workers on school campuses. A school district or charter
12 school may apply to participate in the school safety program as provided
13 in this section for up to three fiscal years by submitting by April 15 a
14 program proposal to the department of education. A school district or
15 charter school that receives approval for a three-year program under this
16 subsection may annually submit a modified spending plan for its approved
17 program.

18 B. A program proposal submitted by a school district or charter
19 school for supporting the costs of placing school resource officers or
20 juvenile probation officers, or both, on a school campus shall contain:

21 1. A detailed description of the school safety needs of the charter
22 school or school district.

23 2. A PLAN TO PROVIDE THE CURRENT SCHOOL BUILDING BLUEPRINTS, FLOOR
24 PLANS AND SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH SCHOOL SITE TO THE LOCAL LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER AND FIRE
26 DEPARTMENT THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL SITE.

27 ~~3.~~ 3. A plan for implementing a law-related education program or a
28 plan that demonstrates the existence of a law-related education program as
29 a school safety prevention strategy.

30 ~~4.~~ 4. A plan to use trained school resource officers or juvenile
31 probation officers in the school, or both.

32 ~~5.~~ 5. If the school district or charter school has already
33 participated in the school safety program, information on the success,
34 compliance and implementation of the most recent grant.

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

38 1. A detailed description of the school safety needs of the charter
39 school or school district.

40 2. A PLAN TO PROVIDE THE CURRENT SCHOOL BUILDING BLUEPRINTS, FLOOR
41 PLANS AND SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH SCHOOL SITE TO THE LOCAL LAW
42 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDER AND FIRE
43 DEPARTMENT THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO THE SCHOOL SITE.

44 ~~3.~~ 3. A plan for implementing a school guidance and counseling
45 program that includes the following:

1 (a) A detailed description of the relationship between the school
2 counselor or the social worker, or both, and local community resources.

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

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

7 (d) Policies on confidentiality under the school guidance and
8 counseling plan.

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

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

15 ~~3.~~ 4. If the school district or charter school has already
16 participated in the school safety program, information on the success,
17 compliance and implementation of the most recent approved program
18 proposal.

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

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

39 F. The department of education, subject to the review and approval
40 of the state board of education, shall distribute monies to the school
41 districts and charter schools that are in compliance with program
42 requirements [PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AND IN SECTION 15-154.02](#) and whose
43 program proposals have been approved by the state board of education.

1 G. The department of education shall review program proposals
2 submitted by school districts and charter schools for participation in the
3 school safety program and shall select school sites that are eligible to
4 receive funding based on school safety needs pursuant to this
5 section. The department of education may prioritize program proposals for
6 school resource officer and juvenile probation officer grants to school
7 districts and charter schools that have agreements to share the cost of
8 the school resource officer or juvenile probation officer with a law
9 enforcement agency or the courts.

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

22 I. The school safety program established by this section shall
23 include a school safety program guidance manual adopted by the department
24 of education that requires a dispute resolution process to be included in
25 the service agreement between a school district or charter school that
26 submitted a program proposal and received a school resource officer grant
27 from the school safety program and the law enforcement agency that
28 provides services to the school district or charter school.

29 J. Any appropriations that are made to the department of education
30 for the approved program proposals within the school safety program are
31 exempt from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of
32 appropriations. All monies that are not used for an approved program
33 proposal within the school safety program during the fiscal year for which
34 the monies were appropriated revert to the department of education for
35 distribution to the program in the following fiscal year.

36 K. Monies received by a school district or charter school under the
37 SCHOOL SAFETY program shall be spent to implement the approved program
38 proposals.

39 L. The auditor general shall include the school safety program as
40 part of its ongoing sunset review of agencies and programs.

41 M. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, SCHOOL BUILDING BLUEPRINTS AND
42 FLOOR PLANS ARE NOT PUBLIC RECORDS AND ARE EXEMPT FROM TITLE 39,
43 CHAPTER 1.

- 1 ~~M.~~ N. 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 a peace officer or a
17 full-authority reserve peace officer who is certified by the Arizona peace
18 officer standards and training board.
19 6. "School social worker" means a professional educator who holds a
20 valid school social worker certificate issued by the department of
21 education.

22 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 1, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes,
23 is amended by adding section 15-154.02, to read:

24 15-154.02. Annual school safety assessments; emergency
25 response plans; approved providers; triennial
26 school safety assessments

27 A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES MONIES
28 PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-154 FOR AN APPROVED SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM SHALL DO
29 BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

30 1. IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND EMERGENCY
31 RESPONSE AGENCIES, DEVELOP AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN FOR EACH SCHOOL SITE
32 IN ACCORDANCE WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT
33 OF EDUCATION AND THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE
34 DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS. A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY USE
35 AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-341,
36 SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 31 TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN THIS
37 PARAGRAPH.

38 2. ANNUALLY CONTRACT WITH A SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROVIDER FROM
39 THE LIST COMPILED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION TO CONDUCT A
40 SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENT, INCLUDING AN ASSESSMENT OF THE PHYSICAL SECURITY
41 OF EACH SCHOOL SITE AND A REVIEW OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN FOR EACH
42 SCHOOL SITE.

43 B. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL COMPILE A LIST OF APPROVED
44 SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROVIDERS AND SHALL MAKE THE LIST AVAILABLE TO

1 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL SAFETY
2 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 15-154.
3 C. EVERY THREE YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SELECT AT
4 RANDOM A SAMPLE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT ARE
5 PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 15-154. THE
6 DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT A SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENT OF THE SELECTED SCHOOL
7 DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE ASSESSMENT
8 RESULTS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S GOVERNING BOARD OR CHARTER SCHOOL'S
9 GOVERNING BODY AND THE ADMINISTRATORS OF EACH SCHOOL SITE THAT WAS
10 ASSESSED.