

House Engrossed Senate Bill

school employment; criminal convictions; disclosure

State of Arizona  
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# SENATE BILL 1558

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-509; RELATING TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

(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 5, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-509, to read:  
4 15-509. School employees; applicants; criminal conviction  
5 disclosures; violation; classification; definition  
6 A. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO APPLIES FOR EMPLOYMENT BY A SCHOOL IN THIS  
7 STATE SHALL DISCLOSE TO EACH PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL  
8 HAS PLED GUILTY, PLED NO CONTEST, BEEN CONVICTED OF OR IS WAITING TRIAL ON  
9 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:  
10 1. A DANGEROUS CRIME AGAINST CHILDREN PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-705.  
11 2. A VIOLATION OF SECTION 13-1404 OR 13-1406 IN WHICH THE VICTIM  
12 WAS A MINOR.  
13 3. AN ACT COMMITTED IN ANOTHER STATE OR TERRITORY THAT IF COMMITTED  
14 IN THIS STATE WOULD HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH  
15 1 OR 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.  
16 4. SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-1405.  
17 5. ANY CRIME THAT REQUIRES THE PERSON TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER  
18 PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-3821.  
19 6. A PREPARATORY OFFENSE AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 13-1001 OF ANY  
20 OFFENSE THAT IS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 1, 2, 3, 4 OR  
21 5 OF THIS SUBSECTION.  
22 B. IT IS A DEFENSE TO A PROSECUTION FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION  
23 A, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SECTION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S FAILURE TO DISCLOSE  
24 WAS DUE TO A GOOD FAITH MISTAKE OF LAW.  
25 C. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES SUBSECTION A OF THIS  
26 SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 6 FELONY.  
27 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL  
28 DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL OR PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION TO  
29 STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS OR ANY OF GRADES ONE THROUGH TWELVE.