

REFERENCE TITLE: public schools; volunteer chaplains; authorization

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SB 1269

Introduced by
Senator Rogers

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-120.05; 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. Title 15, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-120.05, to read:

4 15-120.05. Volunteer school chaplains; school policies;
5 posting; parental consent; fingerprinting
6 requirement

7 A. SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS AND CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING
8 BODIES MAY ALLOW VOLUNTEER SCHOOL CHAPLAINS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT, SERVICES
9 OR PROGRAMS, OR ANY COMBINATION OF SUPPORT, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, TO
10 STUDENTS. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD AND CHARTER SCHOOL
11 GOVERNING BODY THAT ALLOWS VOLUNTEER SCHOOL CHAPLAINS SHALL ADOPT A POLICY
12 THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 1. A DESCRIPTION OF THE SUPPORT, SERVICES OR PROGRAMS, OR
14 COMBINATION OF SUPPORT, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, THAT THE VOLUNTEER SCHOOL
15 CHAPLAIN MAY PROVIDE TO STUDENTS.

16 2. PROCEDURES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL TO DEVELOP
17 AND MAINTAIN A LIST OF VOLUNTEER SCHOOL CHAPLAINS WHO MAY PROVIDE SUPPORT,
18 SERVICES OR PROGRAMS, OR COMBINATION OF SUPPORT, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, TO
19 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL. A LIST
20 DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH MUST INCLUDE THE RELIGIOUS
21 AFFILIATION, IF ANY, OF EACH VOLUNTEER SCHOOL CHAPLAIN. THE SCHOOL
22 DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL POST THE LIST DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS
23 PARAGRAPH ON THE WEBSITE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL.

24 3. A REQUIREMENT THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL AT WHICH A VOLUNTEER
25 SCHOOL CHAPLAIN PROVIDES SUPPORT, SERVICES OR PROGRAMS, OR COMBINATION OF
26 SUPPORT, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

27 (a) NOTIFY ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS THAT THE SUPPORT,
28 SERVICES OR PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE.

29 (b) OBTAIN WRITTEN CONSENT FROM A STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN
30 BEFORE THE STUDENT MAY RECEIVE SUPPORT OR SERVICES FROM A VOLUNTEER SCHOOL
31 CHAPLAIN OR PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM PROVIDED BY A VOLUNTEER SCHOOL
32 CHAPLAIN.

33 (c) PROVIDE EACH STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN AN OPPORTUNITY TO
34 SELECT A VOLUNTEER SCHOOL CHAPLAIN FROM THE LIST DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO
35 PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION AT THE TIME THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN PROVIDES
36 WRITTEN CONSENT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (b) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

37 B. A VOLUNTEER SCHOOL CHAPLAIN WHO PROVIDES SUPPORT, SERVICES OR
38 PROGRAMS, OR COMBINATION OF SUPPORT, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS, PURSUANT TO
39 THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-512
40 FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHO ARE NOT PAID EMPLOYEES.