

REFERENCE TITLE: **civil liability; fraudulent scientific research**

State of Arizona  
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# **SB 1722**

Introduced by  
Senator Rogers

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING TITLE 12, CHAPTER 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 20; RELATING TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 12, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding article 20, to read:

4 ARTICLE 20. FRAUDULENT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

5 12-785. Civil liability; fraudulent scientific research;  
6 statute of limitations

7 A. A PERSON MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A RESEARCHER, RESEARCH  
8 INSTITUTION OR FUNDING AGENCY FOR FRAUDULENT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. THE  
9 PERSON SHALL PROVE FRAUDULENT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING  
10 EVIDENCE.

11 B. A RESEARCHER, RESEARCH INSTITUTION OR FUNDING AGENCY IS NOT  
12 LIABLE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE RESEARCHER, RESEARCH INSTITUTION OR  
13 FUNDING AGENCY DOES ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

14 1. PREREGISTERS A SCIENTIFIC HYPOTHESIS, METHOD OR ANALYSIS BEFORE  
15 RESEARCH IS CONDUCTED.

16 2. DISCOVERS THAT THE RESULTS WERE MISINTERPRETED OR THAT AN ERROR  
17 WAS MADE IN DATA ANALYSIS AND WAS REPORTED TO THE APPLICABLE INSTITUTION  
18 AND THE PUBLIC.

19 3. AFTER CONCLUSION OR PUBLICATION, PROVIDES THE STUDY INFORMATION  
20 TO OTHERS TO ALLOW THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRODUCE THE RESULTS.

21 4. POSTS THE METHODOLOGY AND DATA ON AN OPEN ACCESS DATABASE SITE.

22 C. A CLAIMANT WHO PREVAILS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE AWARDED  
23 DAMAGES, REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND, IF THE VIOLATION IS WILFUL,  
24 PUNITIVE DAMAGES.

25 D. A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR FRAUDULENT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SHALL BE  
26 COMMENCED WITHIN FOUR YEARS AFTER THE CAUSE OF ACTION ACCRUES.

27 12-785.01. Civil liability; failed disclosure

28 A. A PERSON MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A RESEARCHER, RESEARCH  
29 INSTITUTION OR FUNDING AGENCY THAT PRODUCES OR FINANCES SCIENTIFIC  
30 RESEARCH FOR FAILING TO DISCLOSE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

31 1. FUNDING SOURCES.

32 2. FINANCIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS.

33 3. DETAILED METHODOLOGIES.

34 4. RAW DATA SUPPORTING RESEARCH FINDINGS.

35 B. THE PERSON SHALL PROVE FAILED DISCLOSURE BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING  
36 EVIDENCE.

37 C. A RESEARCHER, RESEARCH INSTITUTION OR FUNDING AGENCY THAT  
38 RECEIVES GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE GRANTS SHALL DISCLOSE ALL RAW DATA,  
39 PROTOCOLS AND METHODS IN PUBLIC DATABASES.

40 D. A CLAIMANT WHO PREVAILS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE AWARDED  
41 DAMAGES, REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AND, IF THE VIOLATION IS WILFUL,  
42 PUNITIVE DAMAGES.