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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-714.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-714.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-714.01. Arizona gun safety program course

5 A. In addition to the voluntary training in the use of bows and
6 firearms prescribed in sections 15-713 and 15-714, ~~each~~ ANY school district,
7 ~~and~~ charter school, PRIVATE SCHOOL OR HOME SCHOOL may offer as an elective
8 course a one-semester, ONE-CREDIT course in firearm marksmanship that shall
9 be designated as the Arizona gun safety program course.

10 B. A pupil shall be deemed to have satisfactorily completed the
11 Arizona gun safety program course by demonstrating that the pupil has the
12 ability to safely discharge a firearm AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13-3101.

13 C. The course of instruction prescribed in this section shall be
14 jointly developed by the Arizona game and fish commission, the department of
15 public safety and private firearms organizations and may include materials
16 provided by private youth organizations. At a minimum, the Arizona gun
17 safety program course shall include EACH OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 18 1. Instruction on the rules of ~~gun~~ FIREARM safety.
- 19 2. Instruction on the basic operation of firearms.
- 20 3. Instruction on the history of firearms and marksmanship.
- 21 4. Instruction on the role of firearms in preserving peace and
22 freedom.
- 23 5. Instruction on the constitutional roots of the right to keep and
24 bear arms.
- 25 6. Instruction on the use of clay targets.
- 26 7. Practice time at a shooting range.
- 27 8. ACTUAL demonstration BY THE PUPIL of competence with a firearm AS
28 DEFINED IN SECTION 13-3101 BY SAFELY DISCHARGING THE FIREARM AT ONE OR MORE
29 TARGETS.

30 ~~D. School districts and charter schools~~ THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER
31 SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL OR HOME SCHOOL shall arrange for adequate use of
32 shooting range time by pupils in the Arizona gun safety program course at any
33 established shooting range.

34 E. Pupils who satisfactorily complete the Arizona gun safety program
35 course shall receive a certificate of accomplishment.

36 ~~F. Instructors shall be certified by the Arizona game and fish
37 department or by a national association of firearms owners.~~

38 F. A PERSON WHO HOLDS FIREARMS TRAINING CERTIFICATION FROM THE ARIZONA
39 GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT, THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION, A FEDERAL, STATE OR
40 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, A
41 FEDERAL AGENCY, THE RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS, THE JUNIOR RESERVE
42 OFFICER TRAINING CORPS OR THE CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM, OR FROM A
43 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED PRIVATE FIREARMS TRAINING ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN IN
44 OPERATION FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS, IS QUALIFIED TO TEACH THE ARIZONA GUN
45 SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE.

46 G. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or expand the
47 liability of any person under other provisions of law.