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SENATE BILL 1308

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-342.02; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-712.01; 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. Title 15, chapter 3, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 15-342.02, to read:

4 15-342.02. Dating abuse policies

5 A SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MAY PRESCRIBE AND ENFORCE POLICIES
6 AND PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS INCIDENTS OF DATING ABUSE INVOLVING STUDENTS AT
7 SCHOOL THAT MAY BE BASED ON A MODEL DATING ABUSE POLICY.

8 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 7, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by adding section 15-712.01, to read:

10 15-712.01. Instruction on dating abuse; definitions

11 A. A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION IN GRADES SEVEN THROUGH
12 TWELVE MAY INCORPORATE DATING ABUSE INFORMATION THAT IS AGE-APPROPRIATE INTO
13 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S EXISTING HEALTH CURRICULUM FOR PUPILS IN GRADES SEVEN
14 THROUGH TWELVE THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS:

- 15 1. A DEFINITION OF DATING ABUSE.
- 16 2. THE RECOGNITION OF DATING ABUSE WARNING SIGNS.
- 17 3. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

18 B. ON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL WHERE A CHILD IS
19 ENROLLED, THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A PUPIL WHO IS UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF
20 AGE SHALL BE PERMITTED TO REVIEW THE DATING ABUSE INFORMATION INSTRUCTIONAL
21 MATERIALS WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AFTER SUBMITTING THE WRITTEN REQUEST.

22 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

23 1. "DATING ABUSE" MEANS A PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR IN WHICH ONE PERSON USES
24 OR THREATENS TO USE PHYSICAL, SEXUAL, VERBAL OR EMOTIONAL ABUSE TO CONTROL
25 THE PERSON'S DATING PARTNER.

26 2. "DATING PARTNER" MEANS ANY PERSON WHO IS INVOLVED IN AN INTIMATE
27 ASSOCIATION WITH ANOTHER PERSON THAT IS PRIMARILY CHARACTERIZED BY THE
28 EXPECTATION OF AFFECTIONATE INVOLVEMENT AND THAT INCLUDES CASUAL, SERIOUS AND
29 LONG-TERM DATING PARTNERS.

30 Sec. 3. Review, consideration and adoption of dating abuse
31 curriculum and policies; exemption

32 A. On or before June 30, 2011, each school district governing board
33 shall conduct a public meeting to review and consider the adoption of dating
34 abuse curriculum and policies. A local domestic violence organization must
35 be notified of the meeting at least two weeks in advance. The governing
36 board may modify the curriculum if the governing board determines that
37 modifications are necessary to accommodate the needs and circumstances of the
38 school district.

39 B. A school district that has adopted a dating abuse policy before the
40 effective date of this act is exempt from the requirements of subsection A of
41 this section.