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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-102, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN SCHOOLS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-102, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-102. Parental involvement in the school; definition

5 A. The governing board, in consultation with parents, teachers and  
6 administrators, shall develop and adopt a policy to promote the involvement  
7 of parents and guardians of children enrolled in the schools within the  
8 school district, including:

9 1. A REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUPIL'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONTRIBUTES AT  
10 LEAST THIRTY HOURS OF CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE EACH SCHOOL YEAR. IF A PUPIL HAS  
11 MORE THAN ONE PARENT OR GUARDIAN, THE REQUIREMENT PRESCRIBED IN THIS  
12 PARAGRAPH MAY BE SATISFIED BY ONE PERSON WHO CONTRIBUTES THIRTY HOURS OF  
13 CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE OR BY MULTIPLE PERSONS WHO CONTRIBUTE A TOTAL OF THIRTY  
14 HOURS OF CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE.

15 ~~1-~~ 2. A plan for parent participation in the schools ~~which~~ THAT is  
16 designed to improve parent and teacher cooperation in such areas as homework,  
17 attendance and discipline.

18 ~~2-~~ 3. Procedures by which parents may learn about the course of study  
19 for their children and review learning materials, including the source of any  
20 supplemental educational materials.

21 ~~3-~~ 4. Procedures by which parents who object to any learning material  
22 or activity on the basis that it is harmful may withdraw their children from  
23 the activity or from the class or program in which the material is used.  
24 Objection to a learning material or activity on the basis that it is harmful  
25 includes objection to a material or activity because it questions beliefs or  
26 practices in sex, morality or religion.

27 ~~4-~~ 5. If a school district offers any sex education curricula  
28 pursuant to section 15-711 or 15-716 or pursuant to any rules adopted by the  
29 state board of education, procedures to prohibit a school district from  
30 providing sex education instruction to a pupil unless the pupil's parent  
31 provides written permission for the child to participate in the sex education  
32 curricula.

33 ~~5-~~ 6. Procedures by which parents will be notified in advance of and  
34 given the opportunity to withdraw their children from any instruction or  
35 presentations regarding sexuality in courses other than formal sex education  
36 curricula.

37 ~~6-~~ 7. Procedures by which parents may learn about the nature and  
38 purpose of clubs and activities that are part of the school curriculum,  
39 extracurricular clubs and activities that have been approved by the school.

40 ~~7-~~ 8. Procedures by which parents may learn about parental rights and  
41 responsibilities under the laws of this state, including the following:

42 (a) The right to opt in to a sex education curriculum if one is  
43 provided by the school district.

44 (b) Open enrollment rights pursuant to section 15-816.01.

45 (c) The right to opt out of assignments pursuant to this section.

- 1 (d) The right to opt out of immunizations pursuant to section 15-873.
- 2 (e) The promotion requirements prescribed in section 15-701.
- 3 (f) The minimum course of study and competency requirements for
- 4 graduation from high school prescribed in section 15-701.01.
- 5 (g) The right to opt out of instruction on the acquired immune
- 6 deficiency syndrome pursuant to section 15-716.
- 7 (h) The right to review test results pursuant to section 15-743.
- 8 (i) The right to participate in gifted programs pursuant to section
- 9 15-779.01.
- 10 (j) The right to access instructional materials pursuant to section
- 11 15-730.
- 12 (k) The right to receive a school report card pursuant to section
- 13 15-746.
- 14 (l) The attendance requirements prescribed in sections 15-802, 15-803
- 15 and 15-821.
- 16 (m) The right to public review of courses of study and textbooks
- 17 pursuant to section 15-721.
- 18 (n) The right to be excused from school attendance for religious
- 19 purposes pursuant to section 15-806.
- 20 (o) Policies related to parental involvement pursuant to this section.
- 21 (p) The right to seek membership on school councils pursuant to
- 22 section 15-351.
- 23 (q) The right to participate in a parental satisfaction survey
- 24 pursuant to section 15-353.
- 25 (r) Information about the student accountability information system as
- 26 prescribed in section 15-1042.
- 27 (s) The right to access the failing schools tutoring fund pursuant to
- 28 section 15-241.
- 29 B. The policy adopted by the governing board pursuant to this section
- 30 may also include the following components:
- 31 1. A plan by which parents will be made aware of the district's
- 32 parental involvement policy and this section, including:
- 33 (a) Rights under the family educational rights and privacy act of 1974
- 34 (20 United States Code section 1232g) relating to access to children's
- 35 official records.
- 36 (b) The parent's right to inspect the school district policies and
- 37 curriculum.
- 38 2. Efforts to encourage the development of parenting skills.
- 39 3. The communication to parents of techniques designed to assist the
- 40 child's learning experience in the home.
- 41 4. Efforts to encourage access to community and support services for
- 42 children and families.
- 43 5. The promotion of communication between the school and parents
- 44 concerning school programs and the academic progress of the parents'
- 45 children.

1           6. Identifying opportunities for parents to participate in and support  
2 classroom instruction at the school.

3           7. Efforts to support, with appropriate training, parents as shared  
4 decision makers and to encourage membership on school councils.

5           8. The recognition of the diversity of parents and the development of  
6 guidelines that promote widespread parental participation and involvement in  
7 the school at various levels.

8           9. The development of preparation programs and specialized courses for  
9 certificated employees and administrators that promote parental involvement.

10          10. The development of strategies and programmatic structures at  
11 schools to encourage and enable parents to participate actively in their  
12 children's education.

13          C. The governing board may adopt a policy to provide to parents the  
14 information required by this section in an electronic form.

15          D. A parent shall submit a written request for information pursuant to  
16 this section during regular business hours to either the school principal at  
17 the school site or the superintendent of the school district at the office of  
18 the school district. Within ten days of receiving the request for  
19 information, the school principal or the superintendent of the school  
20 district shall either deliver the requested information to the parent or  
21 submit to the parent a written explanation of the reasons for the denial of  
22 the requested information. If the request for information is denied or the  
23 parent does not receive the requested information within fifteen days after  
24 submitting the request for information, the parent may submit a written  
25 request for the information to the school district governing board, which  
26 shall formally consider the request at the next scheduled public meeting of  
27 the governing board if the request can be properly noticed on the agenda. If  
28 the request cannot be properly noticed on the agenda, the governing board  
29 shall formally consider the request at the next subsequent public meeting of  
30 the governing board.

31          E. For the purposes of this section, "parent" means the natural or  
32 adoptive parent or legal guardian of a minor child.