



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2352

teachers; human trafficking; continuing education

Purpose

Allows human trafficking awareness and prevention training programs to count as continuing education credits.

Background

In order to renew a standard teaching certificate, an administrative certificate or other professional certificate an individual is required to complete 180 hours of continuing education, which can consist of any of the following activities: 1) courses related to education or a subject area taught in Arizona schools, taken from an accredited institution; 2) professional activities such as conferences and workshops related to the profession of teaching or the field of public education; 3) district-sponsored or school-sponsored in-services or activities which are specifically designed for professional development; 4) internships in business settings; 5) educational research; 6) serving in a leadership role of a professional organization that provides training, activities, or projects related to the profession of teaching or the field of public education; or 7) serving on a visitation team for a school accreditation agency (A.A.C. R7-2-619).

In addition to these activities, statute directs the State Board of Education (SBE) to adopt rules to allow certificated teachers and administrators to count the following as continuing education credits: 1) suicide awareness and prevention training programs; 2) prevention training on issues concerning child abuse and the sexual abuse of children, including warning signs that a child may be a victim of child abuse or sexual abuse, as continuing education credits; and 3) training regarding screening, intervention, accommodation, use of technology and advocacy for students with reading impairments, including dyslexia (A.R.S. §§ 15-218 and 15-219).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires SBE to adopt rules allowing certified teachers and administrators to count human trafficking awareness and prevention training programs as continuing education credits.
2. Becomes effective on general effective date.

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House Action

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