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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-716, 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 15-716, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 15-716. Instruction on acquired immune deficiency syndrome:
5 department assistance
6 A. Each common, high and unified school district may provide
7 instruction to kindergarten programs through the twelfth grade on acquired
8 immune deficiency syndrome and the human immunodeficiency virus.
9 B. Each district is free to develop its own course of study for each
10 grade. At a minimum, instruction shall:
11 1. Be appropriate to the grade level in which it is offered.
12 2. Be medically accurate.
13 3. Promote abstinence.
14 4. Discourage drug abuse.
15 5. Dispel myths regarding transmission of the human immunodeficiency
16 virus.
17 ~~C. No district shall include in its course of study instruction which:~~
18 ~~1. Promotes a homosexual life style.~~
19 ~~2. Portrays homosexuality as a positive alternative life style.~~
20 ~~3. Suggests that some methods of sex are safe methods of homosexual~~
21 ~~sex.~~
22 ~~D.~~ C. At the request of a school district, the department of health
23 services or the department of education shall review instruction materials to
24 determine their medical accuracy.
25 ~~E.~~ D. At the request of a school district, the department of
26 education shall provide the following assistance:
27 1. A suggested course of study.
28 2. Teacher training.
29 3. A list of available films and other teaching aids.
30 ~~F.~~ E. At the request of a parent, a pupil shall be excused from
31 instruction on the acquired immune deficiency syndrome and the human
32 immunodeficiency virus as provided in subsection A of this section. The
33 school district shall notify all parents of their ability to withdraw their
34 child from the instruction.