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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-154, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-154, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-154. School safety program; purpose; proposals;
5 requirements; annual report; program termination;
6 definitions

7 A. The school safety program is established within the department
8 of education to promote safe learning environments for students by
9 supporting the costs of placing school resource officers or juvenile
10 probation officers on school campuses. A school district, ~~or~~ charter
11 school **OR FACILITY** may apply to participate in the school safety program
12 as provided in this section for up to three fiscal years by submitting by
13 April 15 a program proposal to the department of education. The program
14 proposal shall contain:

15 1. A detailed description of the school safety needs of the charter
16 school, ~~or~~ school district **OR FACILITY**.

17 2. A plan for implementing a law-related education program or a
18 plan that demonstrates the existence of a law-related education program as
19 a school safety prevention strategy.

20 3. A plan to use trained school resource officers or juvenile
21 probation officers, **OR BOTH**, in the school, ~~or~~ **both FACILITY**.

22 4. If the school district, ~~or~~ charter school **OR FACILITY** has
23 already participated in the school safety program, information on the
24 success, compliance and implementation of the most recent grant.

25 B. The department of education shall administer the program in
26 cooperation with the courts, law enforcement agencies and law-related
27 education providers awarded a contract pursuant to section 41-2534,
28 subject to review and approval by the state board of education. The
29 department of education shall use relevant crime statistics to assess the
30 needs of each program proposal and shall visit school districts and
31 charter schools that submit program proposals in order to verify the
32 information contained in the program proposals. The department of
33 education shall contract to provide guidelines, curricula and support
34 resources for school resource officers and juvenile probation officers to
35 use in implementing a law-related education program.

36 C. The department of education, subject to the review and approval
37 of the state board of education, shall distribute monies to the school
38 districts, ~~and~~ charter schools **AND FACILITIES** that are in compliance with
39 program requirements and whose plans have been approved by the state board
40 of education. The state board of education shall also review and approve
41 renewal applications for up to an additional three fiscal years from
42 participating school sites.

43 D. The department of education shall review plans submitted by
44 school districts, ~~and~~ charter schools **AND FACILITIES** for participation in
45 the school safety program and shall select sites that are eligible to
46 receive funding based on school safety needs. The department of education

1 may prioritize grants to school districts, ~~and~~ charter schools AND
2 FACILITIES that have agreements to share the cost of the school resource
3 officer or juvenile probation officer with a law enforcement agency or the
4 courts.

5 E. The department of education shall evaluate the effectiveness of
6 the school safety program and report on the activities of the program and
7 the participants in the school safety program to the president of the
8 senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the governor on or
9 before November 1 of each year and shall provide a copy of this report to
10 the secretary of state. The evaluation and report shall include survey
11 results from participating schools and data from participating schools on
12 the impact of participating in the school safety program. The department
13 shall establish data guidelines for school safety program participants to
14 follow in reporting pursuant to this subsection.

15 F. The school safety program established by this section shall
16 include a school safety program guidance manual adopted by the department
17 of education that requires a dispute resolution process to be included in
18 the service agreement between a school district, ~~or~~ charter school OR
19 FACILITY that received a grant from the school safety program and the law
20 enforcement agency that provides services to the school district, ~~or~~
21 charter school OR FACILITY.

22 G. Any appropriations that are made to the department of education
23 for the school safety program are exempt from the provisions of section
24 35-190 relating to the lapsing of appropriations. All monies that are not
25 used for an approved school safety plan during the fiscal year for which
26 the monies were appropriated revert to the department of education for
27 distribution to the program in the following fiscal year.

28 H. Monies received by a school district, ~~or~~ charter school OR
29 FACILITY under the program shall be spent to implement the approved plans.

30 I. The program established by this section ends on July 1, 2025
31 pursuant to section 41-3102. The auditor general shall include the school
32 safety program as part of its ongoing sunset review of agencies and
33 programs.

34 J. For the purposes of this section:

35 1. "FACILITY" MEANS A FACILITY THAT RECEIVES A VOUCHER PURSUANT TO
36 SECTION 15-1182, SUBSECTION E, PARAGRAPH 2.

37 ~~1.~~ 2. "Law-related education" means interactive education to equip
38 children and youth with knowledge and skills pertaining to the law, school
39 safety and effective citizenship.

40 ~~2.~~ 3. "Law-related education program" means a program designed to
41 provide children and youth with knowledge, skills and activities
42 pertaining to the law and legal process and to promote law-abiding
43 behavior with the purpose of preventing children and youth from engaging
44 in delinquency or violence and enabling them to become productive
45 citizens.