

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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# HOUSE BILL 2489

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-249.12; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION.

(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 2, article 2, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-249.12, to read:

4 15-249.12. Safe-to-tell program: requirements:  
5 confidentiality; hotline; training; fund;  
6 program termination

7 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH THE SAFE-TO-TELL PROGRAM IN THE  
8 DEPARTMENT TO ENABLE ANY PERSON TO ANONYMOUSLY REPORT ANY DANGEROUS,  
9 VIOLENT OR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY THAT IS BEING CONDUCTED OR IS THREATENED TO  
10 BE CONDUCTED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITY OR  
11 ON A SCHOOL BUS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MANAGE THE  
12 PROGRAM IN COOPERATION WITH A COUNTERTERRORISM INFORMATION CENTER THAT IS  
13 DESIGNED FOR AND USED BY LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
14 PERSONNEL.

15 B. INFORMATION RELATING TO A DANGEROUS, VIOLENT OR UNLAWFUL  
16 ACTIVITY OR ANY THREAT OF A DANGEROUS, VIOLENT OR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY THAT  
17 IS REPORTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND, EXCEPT AS  
18 OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH A CRIMINAL  
19 INVESTIGATION OR PROCEEDING, MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO ANY PERSON.

20 C. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST INCLUDE  
21 METHODS AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT:

22 1. INFORMATION REPORTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS PROMPTLY  
23 FORWARDED TO THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND SCHOOL  
24 OFFICIALS.

25 2. THE IDENTITY OF A PERSON WHO REPORTS INFORMATION PURSUANT TO  
26 THIS SECTION IS NOT DISCLOSED TO:

27 (a) A DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE.

28 (b) ANY PERSON WHO CONTRACTS WITH, SERVES AS A VOLUNTEER WITH OR  
29 OTHERWISE ASSISTS A PERSON OR ORGANIZATION WITH WHOM THE DEPARTMENT  
30 CONTRACTS.

31 (c) ANY OTHER PERSON EXCEPT AS REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED BY LAW IN  
32 CONNECTION WITH A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OR PROCEEDING.

33 D. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH A QUALIFIED THIRD  
34 PARTY TO OPERATE A HOTLINE OR CALL CENTER TO RECEIVE INITIAL REPORTS  
35 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND TO FORWARD THE INFORMATION TO THE APPROPRIATE  
36 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS.

37 E. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OFFER TRAINING REGARDING THE SAFE-TO-TELL  
38 PROGRAM TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AND TO EMPLOYEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
39 AND CHARTER SCHOOLS.

40 F. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

41 1. POST INFORMATION ABOUT THE SAFE-TO-TELL PROGRAM ON THE  
42 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

43 2. PROVIDE TO EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THIS STATE MATERIALS ABOUT THE  
44 SAFE-TO-TELL PROGRAM THAT INCLUDE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER TO CALL TO MAKE AN  
45 ANONYMOUS REPORT.

1 G. THE SAFE-TO-TELL FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES  
2 RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE  
3 FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO IMPLEMENT AND OPERATE THE  
4 SAFE-TO-TELL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. MONIES IN THE  
5 FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACCEPT AND DEPOSIT  
6 FEDERAL MONIES AND PRIVATE GRANTS, GIFTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEVICES IN THE  
7 FUND TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

8 H. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ENDS ON JULY 1,  
9 2028 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102.

10 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of education; safe-to-tell  
11 program

12 The sum of \$400,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in  
13 fiscal year 2018-2019 to the department of education for the purpose of  
14 funding the safe-to-tell program established pursuant to section  
15 15-249.12, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.