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SENATE BILL 1044

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SAFE SCHOOLS PLAN TASK FORCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Safe schools plan task force; duties; report;
3 delayed repeal

4 A. The superintendent of public instruction shall establish a safe
5 schools plan task force within the department of education to identify
6 best practices, model programs and successful strategies to improve mental
7 health supports in public schools.

8 B. The task force shall include at least the following:

- 9 1. Students and student organizations.
10 2. Administrators.
11 3. Counselors.
12 4. Licensed mental health professionals.
13 5. Law enforcement officers.
14 6. Teachers.

15 C. The task force shall:

16 1. Explore the potential use of advanced online youth emotional
17 health and crisis response systems that have been developed for use in
18 other states and countries.

19 2. Suggest to all school district governing boards a school safety
20 plan that includes at least the following:

21 (a) Reliable protocols and procedures for communicating with
22 parents.

23 (b) Training opportunities in recognition, screening and referral
24 that may be available for school staff.

25 3. Identify and develop partnerships with community organizations
26 and agencies to refer students for health, mental health, substance abuse
27 and social support services.

28 4. Identify potential resource documents to access mental health
29 and substance abuse supports, including online crisis systems, and post
30 these documents on the department of education's website.

31 5. On or before December 31, 2021, submit a report to the governor,
32 the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives,
33 the chairperson of the senate education committee and the chairperson of
34 the education committee of the house of representatives that includes the
35 findings, conclusions and recommendations of the task force. The task
36 force shall submit a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

37 D. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2024.