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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-119; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA
REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-1656; RELATING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

(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 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-119, to read:

4 15-119. Suicide prevention training; approved materials;
5 posting; immunity

6 A. BEGINNING IN THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
7 CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING FOR SCHOOL GUIDANCE
8 COUNSELORS, TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS AND OTHER SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHO WORK WITH
9 PUPILS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE:

10 1. TRAINING IN SUICIDE PREVENTION.

11 2. TRAINING TO IDENTIFY THE WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR IN
12 ADOLESCENTS AND TEENS.

13 3. APPROPRIATE INTERVENTION AND REFERRAL TECHNIQUES AT LEAST ONCE
14 EVERY THREE YEARS.

15 B. THE TRAINING PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION:

16 1. MUST USE EVIDENCE-BASED TRAINING MATERIALS.

17 2. MAY BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING IN-SERVICE
18 TRAINING PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL OR AS
19 PART OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

20 3. MUST BE INCLUDED AS A PART OF EACH TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM IN
21 THIS STATE AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-1656.

22 C. THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION
23 SHALL DEVELOP A SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING PROGRAM THAT COMPLIES WITH THE
24 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND POST THIS TRAINING PROGRAM TO THE
25 ADMINISTRATION'S WEBSITE. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, THE ADMINISTRATION
26 SHALL ANNUALLY IDENTIFY OR DEVELOP AND POST ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S
27 WEBSITE A LIST OF APPROVED MATERIALS THAT SCHOOLS MAY USE TO PROVIDE THE
28 TRAINING PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. THE ADMINISTRATION
29 SHALL ANNUALLY UPDATE THESE APPROVED MATERIALS.

30 D. SCHOOL PERSONNEL OR ANY OTHER PERSONS ARE NOT CIVILLY OR
31 CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR ANY ACTIONS TAKEN IN GOOD FAITH PURSUANT TO THIS
32 SECTION.

33 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 13, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
34 is amended by adding section 15-1656, to read:

35 15-1656. Suicide prevention training

36 EACH TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM IN THIS STATE SHALL INCLUDE TRAINING
37 ON SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION
38 15-119.

39 Sec. 3. Short title

40 This act may be cited as the "Mitch Warnock Act".