## **ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**



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HB 2495: schools; sexually explicit materials; prohibition Sponsor: Representative Hoffman, LD 12

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## **Overview**

Prohibits a public school from referring students to or using any sexually explicit material in any manner.

## <u>History</u>

A public educational institution (a school district, charter school, an accommodation school and the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind) must obtain signed, written consent from a student's guardian before using video, audio or electronic materials that may be inappropriate for the age of the student and providing sex education instruction (A.R.S. § 15-113).

Additionally, a school district or charter school must obtain written informed consent from a student's guardian before administering any survey that is retained for more than one year and that solicits personal information regarding sexual behavior or attitudes (A.R.S. § 15-117).

## **Provisions**

- 1. Prohibits a public school from referring students to or using any sexually explicit material in any manner. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Allows a public school to refer student to or use sexually explicit material if:
  - a) The exempted material is classical literature, early American literature or a required book for a course to obtain college credit;
  - b) The public school requires written parental consent on a per-material basis before referring a student to or using the exempted material; and
  - c) The public school provides students with an alternative assignment that does not contain sexually explicit material if the school does not secure parental consent. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Defines sexually explicit materials to include textual, visual or audio materials or materials accessed via any other medium that depict sexual conduct, sexual excitement or ultimate sexual acts. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Defines sexual conduct, sexual excitement and ultimate sexual acts. (Sec. 1)

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