



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2616

mask mandates; minors; parental consent

Purpose

Prohibits the state or a political subdivision, governmental entity, school district or charter school from requiring a person under 18 years of age to wear a mask or face covering without the express consent of the person's parent or guardian.

Background

An Arizona business is not required to enforce a state, municipal, county or other jurisdictional mask mandate on its patrons ([A.R.S. 44-7951](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Prohibits the state or a political subdivision, governmental entity, school district or charter school from requiring a person under 18 years of age to wear a mask or face covering without the express consent of the person's parent or guardian.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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