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DCS caseworkers; schools; required disclosures

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# **CHAPTER 28**

## **SENATE BILL 1126**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-141, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL RECORDS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-141, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-141. Educational records; injunction; special action;  
5 allowable release of records; court procedures

6 A. The right to inspect and review educational records and the  
7 release of or access to these records, other information or instructional  
8 materials is governed by federal law in the family educational RIGHTS and  
9 privacy rights act of 1974 (20 United States Code sections 1232g, 1232h  
10 and 1232i), and federal regulations issued pursuant to ~~such~~ THAT act.

11 B. In addition to the enforcement procedures provided in the family  
12 educational RIGHTS and privacy rights act of 1974, the superior court may  
13 grant injunctive or special action relief if any educational agency or  
14 institution or an officer or employee of SUCH an agency or institution  
15 fails to comply with the act regardless of whether the agency or  
16 institution is the recipient of any federal funds subject to termination  
17 pursuant to the act or whether administrative remedies through any federal  
18 agency have been exhausted.

19 C. Notwithstanding any financial debt owed by the pupil, the  
20 governing board of a school district shall release to the department of  
21 juvenile corrections all educational records relating to a pupil who is  
22 awarded to the department of juvenile corrections within ten working days  
23 after the date the request is received.

24 D. A juvenile court may require a school district to provide the  
25 court with the educational records of a juvenile who is accused of  
26 committing a delinquent or incorrigible act before the juvenile is  
27 adjudicated. The educational records ~~shall~~ MUST include the juvenile's  
28 cumulative file and discipline file and, if applicable, records that are  
29 compiled pursuant to the individuals with disabilities education act  
30 (P.L. 91-230; 84 Stat. 175; 20 United States Code section 1400) and the  
31 rehabilitation act of 1973 (P.L. 93-112; 87 Stat. 394; 29 United States  
32 Code section 794). The presiding judge of the juvenile court shall adopt  
33 procedures for the transmission of the educational records from the school  
34 district to the juvenile court. The disclosure of the educational records  
35 ~~shall~~ MUST comply with the family educational RIGHTS and privacy rights  
36 act of 1974 (20 United States Code section 1232g) and ~~shall~~ MUST ensure  
37 the ability of the juvenile court to effectively serve, before  
38 adjudication, the juvenile whose records are released. ~~Nothing in~~ This  
39 subsection ~~shall be considered to~~ DOES NOT prevent the juvenile court from  
40 adjudicating a juvenile ~~prior to~~ BEFORE receiving educational records  
41 pursuant to this subsection.

42 E. A school district may release pupil attendance, disciplinary and  
43 other educational records to a law enforcement agency and county attorney  
44 pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement among the school district, law  
45 enforcement agency, county attorney and other state, local or tribal

1 government agencies to create a local or tribal governmental juvenile  
2 justice network for the purpose of:

3 1. Providing appropriate programs and services to intervene with  
4 juveniles currently involved in the juvenile justice system.

5 2. Providing appropriate programs and services designed to deter  
6 at-risk juveniles from dropping out of school or **ENGAGING IN** other  
7 delinquent behavior.

8 3. Increasing the safety and security of the community and its  
9 children by reducing juvenile crime.

10 F. Educational records provided pursuant to an intergovernmental  
11 agreement entered into pursuant to subsection E **OF THIS SECTION** shall be  
12 used solely for the purposes of the agreement and shall not be disclosed  
13 to any other party, except as provided by law.

14 **G. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT**  
15 **OF 1974 AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THAT ACT, ON REQUEST BY A**  
16 **DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY CASEWORKER, A SCHOOL SHALL BOTH:**

17 1. **IDENTIFY THE FOLLOWING TO THE CASEWORKER:**

18 (a) **ANY SCHOOL THAT HAS REQUESTED A PUPIL'S EDUCATIONAL RECORDS.**

19 (b) **ANY PERSON WHO HAS WITHDRAWN A PUPIL FROM SCHOOL, ACCORDING TO**  
20 **THE PUPIL'S EDUCATIONAL RECORDS.**

21 2. **PROVIDE TO THE CASEWORKER ANY OTHER REQUESTED INFORMATION OR**  
22 **RECORDS RELATING TO A PUPIL WHO IS OR WAS ENROLLED AT THE SCHOOL.**

23 **H. A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR PRIVATE SCHOOL MAY NOT PROHIBIT ANY SCHOOL**  
24 **EMPLOYEE, CONTRACTOR OR VOLUNTEER FROM SPEAKING TO A DEPARTMENT OF CHILD**  
25 **SAFETY CASEWORKER WHO IS INVESTIGATING AN ALLEGATION OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT.**

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