

REFERENCE TITLE: schools; sexual abuse prevention program.

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Representative Gress

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-160.03; RELATING TO CHILD SAFETY.

(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 5, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-160.03, to read:

4 15-160.03. Statewide child sexual abuse and assault awareness
5 and prevention program; school implementation;
6 parental exemption

7 A. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY, IN
8 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SHALL IDENTIFY OR DEVELOP
9 A STATEWIDE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
10 PROGRAM FOR USE IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL. THIS PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE:

11 1. FOR TEACHERS, INSTRUCTIONAL MODULES THAT MAY INCLUDE THE
12 FOLLOWING:

13 (a) TRAINING REGARDING THE PREVENTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF, AND
14 RESPONSES TO, CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.

15 (b) RESOURCES TO FURTHER STUDENT, TEACHER AND PARENTAL AWARENESS
16 REGARDING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AND THE PREVENTION OF CHILD
17 SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.

18 2. FOR STUDENTS, AGE-APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS THAT ARE
19 DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND GRADES ONE THROUGH
20 TWELVE REGARDING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
21 AND THAT MAY INCLUDE INSTRUCTION IN:

22 (a) SKILLS TO RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING:

23 (i) CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT.

24 (ii) BOUNDARY VIOLATIONS AND UNWANTED FORMS OF CONTACT.

25 (b) STRATEGIES THAT:

26 (i) PROMOTE DISCLOSURE.

27 (ii) REDUCE SELF-BLAME.

28 (iii) MOBILIZE BYSTANDERS.

29 3. A UNIFORM CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT RESPONSE POLICY AND
30 REPORTING PROCEDURE THAT MAY INCLUDE:

31 (a) ACTIONS THAT VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT MAY TAKE
32 TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE.

33 (b) INTERVENTION AND COUNSELING OPTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL
34 ABUSE AND ASSAULT.

35 (c) ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO ENABLE VICTIMS OF CHILD
36 SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL.

37 (d) UNIFORM PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD SEXUAL
38 ABUSE AND ASSAULT TO SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS.

39 B. ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL IMPLEMENT
40 THE STATEWIDE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
41 PROGRAM IDENTIFIED OR DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

1 C. A LOCAL OR REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY NOT REQUIRE A STUDENT
2 IN A KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM OR ANY OF GRADES ONE THROUGH TWELVE TO
3 PARTICIPATE IN THE STATEWIDE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND
4 PREVENTION PROGRAM OFFERED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL. WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO
5 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FROM THE STUDENT'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN IS
6 SUFFICIENT TO EXEMPT THE STUDENT FROM PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM OR
7 FROM ANY PORTION OF THE PROGRAM THAT THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN
8 SPECIFIES.

9 Sec. 2. Short title

10 This act may be cited as "Erin's Law".