

REFERENCE TITLE: fetal and prenatal development; instruction

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Introduced by
Representative Keshel

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-712.02; RELATING TO SCHOOL CURRICULA.

(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 7, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-712.02, to read:

4 15-712.02. Instruction on fetal development; requirements;
5 parental notice and opt out

6 A. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL:

7 1. DETERMINE THE GRADE LEVEL OR LEVELS IN WHICH INSTRUCTION ON
8 FETAL AND PRENATAL DEVELOPMENT IS APPROPRIATE.

9 2. ADOPT ACADEMIC STANDARDS IN THE AREA OF SCIENCE THAT REQUIRE
10 INSTRUCTION ON FETAL AND PRENATAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT THAT IS CONSISTENT
11 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AND THAT IS
12 AGE-APPROPRIATE, FACTUAL AND FOCUSED ON ONLY PRENATAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AS
13 A BIOLOGICAL PROCESS.

14 3. INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON FETAL AND PRENATAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN
15 THE COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-701 OR
16 15-701.01, OR BOTH, IN THE AREA OF SCIENCE.

17 4. REQUIRE THAT INSTRUCTION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
18 INCLUDE AN OVERVIEW OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 (a) PRENATAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT THAT EXPLAINS THE BIOLOGICAL PROCESS
20 BY WHICH A HUMAN DEVELOPS FROM A SINGLE CELL, THROUGH SUCCESSIVE STAGES,
21 BEFORE BIRTH.

22 (b) FERTILIZATION AND EARLY CELLULAR DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING:

23 (i) THE FORMATION OF A ZYGOTE THROUGH THE UNION OF HUMAN
24 REPRODUCTIVE CELLS.

25 (ii) EARLY CELL DIVISION AND GROWTH.

26 (iii) THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BLASTOCYST.

27 (iv) IMPLANTATION OF THE BLASTOCYST INTO THE UTERINE WALL.

28 (c) THE STAGES OF PRENATAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING AN OVERVIEW OF
29 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

30 (i) THE GERMINAL STAGE THAT DESCRIBES EARLY DEVELOPMENT FROM THE
31 TIME OF FERTILIZATION UNTIL THE TIME OF IMPLANTATION.

32 (ii) THE EMBRYONIC STAGE THAT DESCRIBES THE EARLY STRUCTURAL
33 FORMATION, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOUNDATIONAL TISSUES AND EARLY
34 ORGAN SYSTEMS.

35 (iii) THE FETAL STAGE THAT DESCRIBES THE GROWTH AND MATURATION OF
36 ORGANS AND BODY SYSTEMS FROM APPROXIMATELY THE NINTH WEEK OF DEVELOPMENT
37 UNTIL BIRTH.

38 (d) MAJOR DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES, INCLUDING:

39 (i) THE FORMATION OF THE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD.

40 (ii) THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEART AND CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.

41 (iii) THE FORMATION OF LIMBS, FACIAL FEATURES AND OTHER
42 IDENTIFIABLE HUMAN STRUCTURES.

43 (iv) ONGOING GROWTH AND MATURATION OF ORGANS DURING THE FETAL
44 STAGE.

1 (e) SUPPORTING BIOLOGICAL STRUCTURES THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR
2 DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING:

3 (i) THE AMNIOTIC SAC AND AMNIOTIC FLUID AND THEIR PROTECTIVE
4 FUNCTIONS.

5 (ii) THE PLACENTA AND ITS ROLE IN PROVIDING NUTRIENTS AND OXYGEN
6 AND REMOVING WASTE.

7 (iii) THE UMBILICAL CORD AND ITS FUNCTION AS A CONNECTION BETWEEN
8 THE FETUS AND THE PLACENTA.

9 (f) GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF HEALTHY PRENATAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING
10 ONLY BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL FACTORS THAT SUPPORT NORMAL GROWTH AND
11 ORGAN DEVELOPMENT.

12 5. REQUIRE THAT INSTRUCTION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MEET
13 BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

14 (a) BE DESCRIPTIVE AND AGE APPROPRIATE.

15 (b) NOT INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY, SEXUAL BEHAVIOR,
16 CONTRACEPTION, ABORTION PROCEDURES OR REPRODUCTIVE DECISION-MAKING.

17 B. INSTRUCTION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION IS NOT SEX EDUCATION AND
18 MAY NOT BE CLASSIFIED AS SEX EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF PARENTAL
19 CONSENT OR OPT-OUT REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THIS TITLE.