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HOUSE BILL 4109

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-160.05; RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

(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 15-160.05, to read:

4 15-160.05. Public safety policy; school districts;
5 requirements; notifications; annual report;
6 posting requirement; violations; classification;
7 definitions

8 A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD SHALL ADOPT A PUBLIC SAFETY
9 POLICY THAT:

10 1. CLEARLY PRESCRIBES PUBLIC SAFETY PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS.

11 2. DESIGNATES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT AS THE
12 ADMINISTRATOR WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PUBLIC SAFETY
13 POLICY.

14 3. REQUIRES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO DO ALL OF THE
15 FOLLOWING:

16 (a) PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO STUDENTS' PARENTS AND SCHOOL
17 EMPLOYEES NOT LATER THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER ANY INCIDENT INVOLVING
18 LIFE-THREATENING VIOLENCE, A THREAT OF LIFE-THREATENING VIOLENCE OR A
19 THREAT OF VIOLENCE INVOLVING A DEADLY WEAPON OR DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT THAT
20 OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. A NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
21 THIS SUBDIVISION MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE INCIDENT
22 AND THE SCHOOL'S RESPONSE. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES NOT REQUIRE OR AUTHORIZE
23 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TO DISCLOSE PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE
24 INFORMATION ABOUT A STUDENT WHO IS INVOLVED IN AN INCIDENT. IF A LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO RESPONDS TO AN INCIDENT DESCRIBED IN THIS
26 SUBDIVISION NOTIFIES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT DISCLOSURE MIGHT MATERIALLY
27 COMPROMISE A PENDING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION OR PROSECUTION, THE
28 SUPERINTENDENT SHALL:

29 (i) REQUEST FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
30 THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION A WRITTEN REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
31 DELAY DISCLOSURE.

32 (ii) PROVIDE THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION REQUIRED BY THIS SUBDIVISION
33 AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE ON RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION THAT THE INVESTIGATION
34 IS COMPLETE.

35 (b) IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IF THE SCHOOL
36 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT IS NOTIFIED OF OR PERSONALLY OBSERVES AN INCIDENT
37 INVOLVING LIFE-THREATENING VIOLENCE, A THREAT OF LIFE-THREATENING VIOLENCE
38 OR A THREAT OF VIOLENCE INVOLVING A DEADLY WEAPON OR DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT.
39 THIS SUBDIVISION DOES NOT LIMIT OR PRECLUDE THE REPORTING BY A SCHOOL
40 DISTRICT OR AN EMPLOYEE OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF A SUSPECTED CRIME PURSUANT
41 TO SECTION 15-341, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 30 OR SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES.

42 (c) CONFISCATE OR DESIGNATE ONE OR MORE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AT
43 EACH CAMPUS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFISCATING ANY DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT
44 OR DEADLY WEAPON THAT IS POSSESSED BY ANY PERSON ON SCHOOL PROPERTY IN
45 VIOLATION OF SCHOOL POLICIES OR THAT IS USED IN CONNECTION WITH AN

1 INCIDENT DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (a) OR (b) OF THIS PARAGRAPH UNTIL A LAW
2 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS ABLE TO TAKE CUSTODY OF THE DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT OR
3 DEADLY WEAPON.

4 (d) NOTIFY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
5 SUPERINTENDENT CONFISCATED A DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT OR DEADLY WEAPON
6 PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (c) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE
7 FOLLOWING THE CONFISCATION.

8 B. A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY NOT TAKE ANY RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST AN
9 EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT'S PARENT, A STUDENT, AN AGENT OF THIS STATE OR ANY
10 OTHER PERSON FOR REPORTING A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

11 C. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ANNUALLY COMPILE AND POST A PUBLIC
12 SAFETY REPORT ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S WEBSITE THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE
13 FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

14 1. THE NUMBER OF LOCKDOWNS, SHELTER-IN-PLACE EVENTS AND EVACUATIONS
15 THAT OCCURRED DURING EACH OF THE THREE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SCHOOL YEARS.

16 2. THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING A DEADLY WEAPON OR DANGEROUS
17 INSTRUMENT THAT OCCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DURING
18 EACH OF THE THREE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SCHOOL YEARS.

19 3. THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
20 REFERRED TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DURING EACH OF THE THREE IMMEDIATELY
21 PRECEDING SCHOOL YEARS.

22 4. A SUMMARY OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
23 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
24 THE POLICY.

25 D. A SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT WHO KNOWINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY
26 VIOLATES THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS
27 SECTION WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

28 E. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD FAILS TO ADOPT A PUBLIC
29 SAFETY POLICY THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION A OF
30 THIS SECTION OR IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OR ANY EMPLOYEE OF
31 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT VIOLATES SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, EACH MEMBER OF
32 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

33 F. A SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS
34 PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION BY ADOPTING AN EMERGENCY
35 RESPONSE PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-341, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 31 THAT
36 INCLUDES THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

37 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT" AND
38 "DEADLY WEAPON" HAVE THE SAME MEANINGS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 13-105.

39 Sec. 2. Implementation

40 A school district is not required to include information from any
41 school year that begins before the effective date of this act in the
42 annual public safety report required by section 15-160.05, subsection C,
43 Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

44 Sec. 3. Legislative findings

45 The legislature finds that:

1 1. A school district's timely notification to students' parents and
2 school employees of incidents that involve life-threatening violence,
3 threats of life-threatening violence or threats that involve a deadly
4 weapon or dangerous instrument as defined in section 13-105, Arizona
5 Revised Statutes, is essential to protect student safety.

6 2. A school district's escalation of incidents that involve a
7 deadly weapon or dangerous instrument as defined in section 13-105,
8 Arizona Revised Statutes, to law enforcement officers is ministerial and
9 not discretionary.

10 3. A school district official's knowing or intentional failure to
11 comply with escalation or notification requirements for public safety
12 incidents endangers students and undermines public trust.

13 4. Criminal classification is appropriate when a school district
14 official knowingly or intentionally fails to perform the official's public
15 safety duties as prescribed by law.

16 Sec. 4. Short title

17 This act may be cited as "Michael's Law".