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DCS caseworkers; schools; required disclosures

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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.**