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school liability; bullying; serious injury

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SENATE BILL 1684

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-120.08; RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(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 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-120.08, to read:

4 15-120.08. School liability; bullying; serious physical
5 injury; court action; definition

6 A. A STUDENT OR A STUDENT'S PARENT MAY BRING A CAUSE OF ACTION
7 AGAINST A PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY THE SCHOOL'S FAILURE TO
8 ADDRESS A THREAT TO THE STUDENT'S SAFETY IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

9 1. THE STUDENT SUFFERS SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY AS A RESULT OF
10 BULLYING BY ANOTHER STUDENT.

11 2. THE SCHOOL OR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE SCHOOL, INCLUDING AN INDIVIDUAL
12 WHO IS INDIRECTLY EMPLOYED THROUGH A THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR, RECEIVES AT
13 LEAST ONE PRIOR REPORT THAT THE OTHER STUDENT COMMITTED AN ACT OF BULLYING
14 AGAINST THE INJURED STUDENT.

15 3. THE SCHOOL NEGLIGENTLY FAILED TO ADDRESS THE SUSPECTED ACT OF
16 BULLYING COMMITTED BY THE OTHER STUDENT AND AGAINST THE INJURED STUDENT
17 AFTER RECEIVING A PRIOR REPORT.

18 B. THE COURT MAY AWARD REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES, EXPENSES AND
19 DAMAGES TO ANY CLAIMANT WHO SUBSTANTIALLY PREVAILS IN AN ACTION BROUGHT
20 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

21 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PRIOR REPORT" INCLUDES:

22 1. A WRITTEN OR VERBAL REPORT THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL MAKES TO AN
23 EMPLOYEE OF THE SCHOOL.

24 2. A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE'S PERSONAL OBSERVATION OF CONDUCT THAT THE
25 EMPLOYEE REASONABLY BELIEVES CONSTITUTES AN ACT OF BULLYING.