

REFERENCE TITLE: public schools; interoperable communications; requirements

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SB 1315

Introduced by
Senator Payne

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-154.03; 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 15-154.03, to read:

4 15-154.03. Schools; interoperable communications systems;
5 affidavits; annual readiness report

6 A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL IN THIS STATE SHALL
7 SELECT OR DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY, A SYSTEM OR A METHOD TO ESTABLISH AND
8 MAINTAIN INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES THAT INCLUDE AT LEAST
9 THE FOLLOWING:

10 1. A MECHANISM THAT ENABLES DESIGNATED SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO NOTIFY
11 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN REAL TIME IF AN EMERGENCY OCCURS AT THE
12 SCHOOL.

13 2. A MECHANISM THAT ENABLES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL
14 TO SECURELY TRANSMIT THE CURRENT MAP OF EACH SCHOOL CAMPUS AND FLOOR PLAN
15 OF EACH SCHOOL BUILDING TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN A PRINTABLE
16 FORMAT.

17 3. A MECHANISM THAT ENABLES DESIGNATED SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO
18 COMMUNICATE WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
19 OFFICERS IN REAL TIME DURING AN EMERGENCY AT THE SCHOOL.

20 B. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT USES A SECURE,
21 MULTIMEDIA DATA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM THAT IS DEPLOYED PURSUANT TO SECTION
22 41-1733 IS NOT REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A NEW INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS
23 SYSTEM IF THE EXISTING MULTIMEDIA DATA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM SATISFIES THE
24 REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

25 C. ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2027 AND JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,
26 EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT, IN
27 A FORM AND MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AN AFFIDAVIT ATTESTING
28 THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL:

29 1. IS MAINTAINING THE INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES
30 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

31 2. HAS TRANSMITTED THE CURRENT MAPS AND FLOOR PLANS TO LOCAL LAW
32 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THROUGH THE MECHANISM REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A,
33 PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SECTION.

34 3. HAS TESTED EACH MECHANISM REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS
35 SECTION TO ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL IS ABLE TO
36 COMMUNICATE WITH THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN WHOSE JURISDICTION
37 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL IS LOCATED AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE
38 PRECEDING YEAR.

39 D. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES AND BEST PRACTICES TO
40 ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS
41 PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION.

42 E. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPILE THE AFFIDAVITS SUBMITTED PURSUANT
43 TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL STATEWIDE
44 INTEROPERABILITY READINESS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE
45 SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SHALL PROVIDE A
46 COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.