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REFERENCE TITLE: sex education; sexually transmitted infections.

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SB 1157

Introduced by
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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-711 AND 15-716, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-711, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-711. Sex education curricula; sexual conduct with a minor

5 All school districts with existing sex education curricula shall:

6 1. PROVIDE INSTRUCTION THAT IS MEDICALLY ACCURATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
7 CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH DATA AND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL CENTERS
8 FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

9 2. Include instruction on the laws relating to sexual conduct with a
10 minor for pupils in grades seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve. Each
11 school district may develop its own course of study to meet the requirements
12 of this ~~section~~ PARAGRAPH.

13 Sec. 2. Section 15-716, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

14 15-716. Instruction on sexually transmitted infections;
15 department assistance

16 A. Each common, high and unified school district may provide
17 instruction to kindergarten programs through the twelfth grade on **SEXUALLY**
18 **TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS, INCLUDING** acquired immune deficiency syndrome and the
19 human immunodeficiency virus.

20 B. Each district is free to develop its own course of study for each
21 grade. At a minimum, instruction shall:

22 1. Be appropriate to the grade level in which it is offered.

23 ~~2. Be medically accurate.~~

24 ~~3.~~ 2. Promote abstinence.

25 ~~4.~~ 3. Discourage drug abuse.

26 ~~5.~~ 4. Dispel myths regarding transmission of **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED**
27 **INFECTION, INCLUDING** the human immunodeficiency virus.

28 ~~C. No district shall include in its course of study instruction which:~~

29 ~~1. Promotes a homosexual life-style.~~

30 ~~2. Portrays homosexuality as a positive alternative life-style.~~

31 ~~3. Suggests that some methods of sex are safe methods of homosexual~~
32 ~~sex.~~

33 C. EACH DISTRICT COURSE OF STUDY SHALL PROVIDE INSTRUCTION THAT IS
34 MEDICALLY ACCURATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH DATA AND
35 INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
36 PREVENTION ABOUT THE ASSOCIATED RISKS OF SEXUAL ACTIVITIES AND THE WAYS IN
37 WHICH THESE RISKS CAN BE REDUCED. A DISTRICT COURSE OF STUDY SHALL NOT
38 PROMOTE OR DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN PARTICULAR LEGAL AND CONSENSUAL SEXUAL
39 ACTIVITIES.

40 D. At the request of a school district, the department of health
41 services or the department of education shall review instruction materials to
42 determine their medical accuracy.

43 E. At the request of a school district, the department of education
44 shall provide the following assistance:

45 1. A suggested course of study.

1 2. Teacher training.

2 3. A list of available films and other teaching aids.

3 F. At the request of a parent, a pupil shall be excused from
4 instruction on **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS, INCLUDING** the acquired immune
5 deficiency syndrome and the human immunodeficiency virus, as provided in
6 subsection A ~~of this section~~. The school district shall notify all parents
7 of their ability to withdraw their child from the instruction.