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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-154, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL SAFETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 15-154, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 15-154. Public school safety program proposal; requirements;
5 purpose; definitions
6 A. A public school district may apply to participate in the school
7 safety program as provided in this section for any fiscal year by submitting
8 by April 15 a program proposal to the school safety program oversight
9 committee. The program proposal shall contain:
10 1. A detailed description of the school safety needs of the public
11 school or school district, INCLUDING ANY FAILURE TO REPORT MISCONDUCT BY
12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
13 2. A plan for implementing a law related education program or a plan
14 that demonstrates the existence of a law related education program as a
15 school safety prevention strategy.
16 3. A plan to use trained school resource officers or juvenile
17 probation officers in the schools, or both.
18 B. The state board of education shall administer the program in
19 cooperation with the courts, law enforcement agencies and law related
20 education providers. Representatives from the state board of education shall
21 use relevant crime statistics and shall visit schools located in school
22 districts that submit program proposals in order to verify the information
23 contained in the program proposals.
24 C. The department of education, at the direction of the state board of
25 education, shall distribute monies to the school districts whose plans have
26 been approved by the school safety program oversight committee.
27 D. Any appropriations that are made to the department of education for
28 the school safety program are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190
29 relating to the lapsing of appropriations. All monies that are not used for
30 an approved school safety plan during the fiscal year for which the monies
31 were appropriated revert to the department of education for distribution to
32 the program in the following fiscal year.
33 E. Monies received by a school district under the program shall be
34 spent to implement the approved plans.
35 F. For THE purposes of this section:
36 1. "Law related education" means interactive education to equip
37 children and youth with knowledge and skills pertaining to the law, school
38 safety and effective citizenship.
39 2. "Law related education program" means a program designed to provide
40 children and youth with knowledge, skills and activities pertaining to the
41 law and legal process and to promote law-abiding behavior with the purpose of
42 preventing children and youth from engaging in delinquency or violence and
43 enabling them to become productive citizens.