

REFERENCE TITLE: pupils with chronic health problems

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Introduced by
Representative Schapira

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-346, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 15-346, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 15-346. Policies and procedures concerning pupils with chronic
5 health problems; definition
6 A. The governing board shall adopt policies and procedures concerning
7 pupils with chronic health problems in consultation with parents, teachers
8 and at least one health professional. The policies and procedures shall be
9 designed to provide continuing learning for pupils with chronic health
10 problems while they are absent from school and to provide for the integration
11 of pupils with chronic health problems into the regular education program as
12 much as possible. The policies and procedures shall include provisions for:
13 1. Homework availability to ensure that pupils with chronic health
14 problems have the opportunity to keep up with assignments and avoid losing
15 credit because of their absence from school.
16 2. Flexibility in physical education activity requirements so that
17 pupils with chronic health problems may participate in the regular physical
18 education program to the extent that their health permits.
19 B. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO OBSTRUCT, INTERFERE
20 WITH OR OVERRIDE THE RIGHTS OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN CONCERNING THE EDUCATION
21 AND HEALTH CARE OF PUPILS WITH CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS. NOTHING IN THIS
22 SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL PERSONNEL TO EITHER:
23 1. AUTHORIZE ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL FOR PUPILS WITH CHRONIC HEALTH
24 PROBLEMS WITHOUT THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE PUPIL'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
25 2. RECOMMEND, PRESCRIBE OR PROVIDE MEDICATION TO PUPILS WITH CHRONIC
26 HEALTH PROBLEMS WITHOUT THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE PUPIL'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
27 ~~B.~~ C. For the purposes of this section, "pupils with chronic health
28 problems" means:
29 1. Pupils who are not homebound, but who are unable to attend regular
30 classes for intermittent periods of one or more consecutive days because of
31 illness, disease, pregnancy complications or accident as certified by a
32 ~~person~~ HEALTH PROFESSIONAL who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 7,
33 8, 11, 13, 14, ~~or~~ 16, 17, 25, 35 OR 39 or a registered nurse practitioner who
34 is licensed pursuant to TITLE 32, chapter 15.
35 2. ~~If the child suffers~~ PUPILS WHO SUFFER from a condition requiring
36 management on a long-term basis, ~~the certification shall be made~~ AS CERTIFIED
37 by a ~~person~~ HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHO IS licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter
38 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, ~~or~~ 16, 17, 25, 35 OR 39 OR A REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER
39 WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 15.
40 ~~2.~~ 3. Pupils who have an infant with a severe health problem as
41 certified by a ~~person~~ HEALTH PROFESSIONAL who is licensed pursuant to title
42 32, chapter 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, ~~or~~ 16, 17, 25, 35 OR 39 or a registered nurse
43 practitioner who is licensed pursuant to TITLE 32, chapter 15.