



GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

DATE OF MEETING: September 10, 2019

TITLE: Study of Proposed Governing Board Policies IHAMD (Instruction and Training in Suicide Prevention) and GBEFA (Staff Use of Digital Wireless Communications or Electronic Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle)

BACKGROUND:

The Arizona School Boards Association have recommended new policy documents be adopted by its member Boards

Proposed Policy IHAMD (Instruction and Training in Suicide Prevention). The Board was previously informed through the Administration's Legislative Update that Senate Bill 1468 had passed, and that it included the following provisions:

SB 1468 – schools; suicide prevention training

Requires the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration (AHCCCS) to make suicide awareness and prevention training available and requires districts/charters and Arizona teacher training programs to include suicide awareness and prevention training.

Provisions include:

- Requires AHCCCS to make available and post to the AHCCCS website suicide awareness and prevention training that meets outlined requirements for districts/charters and teacher training programs.
- Requires, beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, districts/charters to provide the following at least once every three years to school guidance counselors, teachers, principals and other school personnel who work with pupils in grades 6 through 12:
 - training in suicide prevention;
 - training to identify warning signs of suicidal behavior in adolescents and teens; and
 - intervention and referral techniques.
- Requires AHCCCS, by July 1, 2020, to identify or develop, and post on the AHCCCS website, a list of approved materials that schools may use to provide suicide awareness and prevention training and annually update the materials.
- Requires Arizona teacher training programs to include suicide awareness and prevention training that meets the same requirements as training provided by districts/charters.
- Requires suicide prevention training to use evidence-based training materials.
- Allows districts/charters to provide suicide awareness and prevention training within the framework of existing in-service training programs or as part of professional development activities.
- Indemnifies, from civil or criminal liability, school personnel and any other persons for good faith actions relating to suicide prevention training.
- Classifies as classroom spending school district implementation costs for the purposes of the Auditor General's annual report.

SIGNED by the Governor May 8, 2019.

The legislative bill created A.R.S 15-119 to address suicide prevention training and related issues including materials approved to implement required training. Proposed Policy IHAMD replicates the requirements of the new statute at the school level. These requirements must be implemented beginning school year 2020-2021.

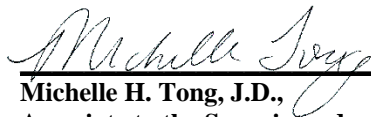
Proposed Policy GBEFA (Staff Use of Digital Wireless Communications or Electronic Devices While Operating a Motor Vehicle)

A.R.S. 28-914 was created by the passage of House Bill 2318. This new statute addresses the use of digital portable wireless communications devices and stand-alone electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION:

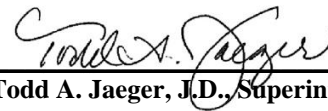
This item is presented for the Board's review and discussion at this time; no action is required. The revised policy, along with any Board-directed revisions, will be presented for approval at the next Board meeting.

INITIATED BY:



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Date: August 30, 2019



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