

House Engrossed Senate Bill

school employment; criminal convictions; disclosure

State of Arizona  
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## CHAPTER 110

# SENATE BILL 1558

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-509; RELATING TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

(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 5, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-509, to read:

4 15-509. School employees; applicants; criminal conviction  
5 disclosures; violation; classification; definition

6 A. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO APPLIES FOR EMPLOYMENT BY A SCHOOL IN THIS  
7 STATE SHALL DISCLOSE TO EACH PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL  
8 HAS PLED GUILTY, PLED NO CONTEST, BEEN CONVICTED OF OR IS WAITING TRIAL ON  
9 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

10 1. A DANGEROUS CRIME AGAINST CHILDREN PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-705.

11 2. A VIOLATION OF SECTION 13-1404 OR 13-1406 IN WHICH THE VICTIM  
12 WAS A MINOR.

13 3. AN ACT COMMITTED IN ANOTHER STATE OR TERRITORY THAT IF COMMITTED  
14 IN THIS STATE WOULD HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH  
15 1 OR 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

16 4. SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-1405.

17 5. ANY CRIME THAT REQUIRES THE PERSON TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER  
18 PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-3821.

19 6. A PREPARATORY OFFENSE AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 13-1001 OF ANY  
20 OFFENSE THAT IS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 1, 2, 3, 4 OR  
21 5 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

22 B. IT IS A DEFENSE TO A PROSECUTION FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION  
23 A, PARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SECTION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL'S FAILURE TO DISCLOSE  
24 WAS DUE TO A GOOD FAITH MISTAKE OF LAW.

25 C. ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES SUBSECTION A OF THIS  
26 SECTION IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 6 FELONY.

27 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL  
28 DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL OR PRIVATE SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION TO  
29 STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS OR ANY OF GRADES ONE THROUGH TWELVE.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 8, 2024.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 8, 2024.