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## **SB 1114: schools; required posting; abuse hotline**

**Sponsor: Senator Mesnard, LD 17**

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### **Overview**

Instructs schools to post a sign containing specified information regarding the reporting of child abuse, neglect or exploitation.

### **History**

Statute requires any person who reasonably believes that a minor is or has been the victim of physical injury, abuse, child abuse, a reportable offense or neglect to immediately report this information to a peace officer, the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) or to a tribal law enforcement or social services agency ([A.R.S. § 13-3620](#)).

The [Arizona Child Abuse Hotline](#) (Hotline) is operated by DCS for the purpose of receiving communications concerning suspected child abuse and neglect. The Hotline allows any individual who reasonably believes a minor to be a victim of abuse to report the suspected child abuse through a toll-free telephone number and electronic reporting service. Specific accusations of child abuse may include physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, emotional abuse, exploitation and abandonment ([A.R.S. § 8-455](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Requires each school operated by a school district or charter school to post a sign in a clearly visible location in a public area that is readably accessible to students that contains:
  - a) The telephone number of the Hotline;
  - b) Instructions to call 911 for emergencies; and
  - c) Directions for accessing the DCS website for more information on reporting child abuse, neglect and exploitation. (Sec. 1)

Prop 105 (45 votes)

Prop 108 (40 votes)

Emergency (40 votes)

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