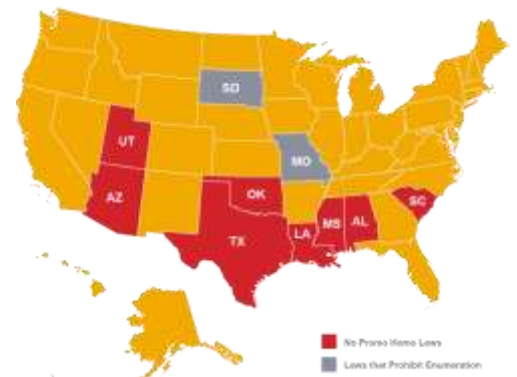


SB 1019
REPEALS SHAMEFUL
NO PROMO HOMO LAW



NO PROMO HOMO LAWS & LAWS THAT PROHIBIT ENUMERATION



SB 1019: STOP THE SHAMING – REPEAL OF NO PROMO HOMO PROVISION (ARS 15-716)

We all want kids to be successful. We know that successful kids lead to a successful economy and a successful Arizona. The best way to make sure our kids have the same opportunities is for them to **GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL**. It may sound like a simple piece to the puzzle of creating a healthy and successful life; however only [76%](#) of students graduate from high school in Arizona.¹

SOME OF THE BARRIERS THAT LEAD STUDENTS TO DROP OUT:

- ◇ unplanned teen pregnancy and parenting responsibilities
- ◇ bullying and violence (or threat of)

INCLUSIVE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION addresses more than the birds and the bees. It’s about learning about how-to create healthy relationships. It’s about knowing how to be protected from sexually transmitted infections and unintended pregnancy. It’s about learning about consent and respecting others. Unfortunately, respect is not afforded to everyone because right now, **IT’S COMPLETELY LEGAL IN ARIZONA TO SHAME LGBTQ KIDS**.

Students who identify, or perceived to identify as LGBTQ, are at greater risk of bullying and violence, especially when the state of Arizona **SANTIONS SHAME** as it does in ARS 15-716. The role of government, especially in public education, should be to enlighten and illuminate; not degrade and shame.

The language used in [ARS § 15-716](#), lovingly referred to as the *No Promo Homo* law, uses degrading and shaming language that does nothing to attain educational goals or protect the health or safety of students. This provision [adopted into law in 1991] reflects the time in which it was written; however this passage is as offensive now as it was in 1991. **SB 1019 REPEALS THIS SHAMEFUL PASSAGE IN THE LAW.**

INCLUSIVE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION – *LIMITED BY ARIZONA STATE LAW (ARS 15-716)

- ⊕ Medically accurate sex education
- ⊕ Risk reduction behaviors
- ⊕ Topics on: bullying, consent, dating violence and healthy relationships
- ⊗ *Inclusive of all students, including those who are LGBTQ self-identified

A component of inclusive health education is the inclusion and acknowledgment of LGBTQ individuals. In Arizona, educators are limited by a **NO PROMO HOMO*** law that states:



“No district shall include in its course of study instruction which:

- 1. promotes a homosexual life-style*
- 2. Portrays homosexuality as a positive alternative life-style*
- 3. Suggests that some methods of sex are safe methods of homosexual sex.”* [ARS § 15-716](#)

¹¹Arizona Department of Education [2014 Graduation Report](#)

√ REALITY CHECK

In a **January 2016 poll of 700 Arizona households** statewide, support for inclusive comprehensive health education was surprisingly high given the anti-sex ed rhetoric from state legislators. The reality is much different.

HERE'S WHAT THE BEHAVIOR RESEARCH CENTER FOUND:

- ▣ **76%** favor comprehensive, medically accurate sex ed [**72%** favor requiring it for all students]
- ▣ By a **2:1 margin**, Arizonans favor comprehensive sex education that is inclusive o LGBT kids. Hispanics respondents were by far the most supportive – with **68%** in favor of inclusive instruction.
- ▣ **83%** believe the legislature has no business passing legislation that shames LGBT people.
- ▣ **72%** of Arizonans have personal friends who identify as LGBT; and **49%** have a family member who identifies as LGBT.

It's clear that a **MAJORITY** of **Arizonans SUPPORT** inclusive comprehensive sex education that is inclusive and **does not SHAME**.

Its time to **#STOPTHESHAMING** and pass **SB 1019**.