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SENATE BILL 1382

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-809, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-809, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-809. AIMS intervention and dropout prevention program:
5 program termination: definitions

6 A. The department of education shall establish an AIMS intervention
7 and dropout prevention program. The department of education shall develop
8 application procedures, selection criteria and minimum performance standards
9 for service providers that wish to participate in the program. Service
10 providers that receive monies to participate in the program shall demonstrate
11 that their dropout prevention program is offered in the public schools in
12 this state and meets all of the following requirements:

13 1. Serves at-risk pupils in grade SEVEN, EIGHT, nine, ten, eleven or
14 twelve AND FOR TWELVE MONTHS FOLLOWING THE PUPIL'S EXIT FROM THE PROGRAM.

15 2. Serves pupils who both:

16 (a) Are most likely to drop out of high school without graduating.

17 (b) Have documented academic, personal or vocational barriers to
18 success in high school and the workplace.

19 3. Consists of all of the following for each participating pupil:

20 (a) At least nine consecutive months of academic support, including
21 tutoring and remediation, to ensure that participating pupils meet the
22 academic standards adopted by the state board of education.

23 (b) Comprehensive instruction on Arizona workplace skills adopted by
24 the state board of education.

25 (c) Instruction on leadership and civic duty.

26 4. Requires pupils who participate in the program to earn credits
27 toward graduation from high school. Pupils who participate in the program
28 shall perform volunteer activities or community service or shall be engaged
29 in employment during summer vacation periods. Each pupil who participates in
30 the program shall continue to participate in the program for twelve months
31 after graduation from high school during which the service provider shall
32 provide follow-up assistance that is designed to assist the pupil's
33 transition to postsecondary education, vocational or job training, military
34 service or employment. A participating school district may develop a dual
35 credit course program in order to meet the requirements of this paragraph.

36 B. The service providers selected to participate in the AIMS
37 intervention and dropout prevention program shall annually report at least
38 the following information to the department of education:

39 1. The percentage of pupils who participate in the program and who
40 graduate from high school or obtain a general equivalency degree on or within
41 twelve months after the scheduled graduation date for the pupil's classmates.

42 2. The percentage of pupils who participate in the program, who
43 graduate from high school or obtain a general equivalency degree and who
44 begin participation in postsecondary education, employment, vocational or job

1 training or military service within twelve months after the scheduled
2 graduation date for the pupil's classmates.

3 3. The percentage of pupils who participate in the program and who are
4 either enrolled full time at a postsecondary education institution, employed
5 full time, enrolled in a full-time vocational or job training program or on
6 active duty in the armed forces of the United States, or any combination of
7 these activities that in totality amounts to full-time activity, within
8 twelve months after the scheduled graduation date for the pupil's classmates.

9 4. The percentage of pupils who participate in the program and who
10 pass each AIMS component.

11 C. The department of education shall contract with a private entity to
12 conduct an annual performance audit of the AIMS intervention and dropout
13 prevention program.

14 D. Beginning in 2001, the department of education shall submit an
15 annual report concerning the AIMS intervention and dropout prevention program
16 to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
17 representatives by December 15 that includes an evaluation of the
18 effectiveness of the program. The department of education shall provide a
19 copy of the report to the secretary of state and the director of the [ARIZONA](#)
20 [STATE](#) department of library, archives and public records.

21 E. The program established by this section ends on July 1, 2010,
22 pursuant to section 41-3102.

23 F. For [THE](#) purposes of this section:

24 1. "AIMS" means the Arizona instrument to measure standards test
25 prescribed in section 15-741.

26 2. "Service providers" means all of the following:

27 (a) Public agencies, including schools and school districts, that have
28 demonstrated documented success in delivering dropout prevention services as
29 prescribed in this section.

30 (b) Private entities that are certified by the department of education
31 and that have demonstrated documented success in delivering dropout
32 prevention services as prescribed in this section.

33 Sec. 2. [Emergency](#)

34 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
35 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
36 law.