

PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1404

(Reference to Senate engrossed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 15-701, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-701. Common school; promotions; requirements; certificate;
5 supervision of eighth grades by superintendent of high
6 school district; high school admissions; academic
7 credit

8 A. The state board of education shall:

9 1. Prescribe a minimum course of study, as defined in section 15-101
10 and incorporating the academic standards adopted by the state board of
11 education, to be taught in the common schools.

12 2. Prescribe competency requirements for the promotion of pupils from
13 the eighth grade and competency requirements for the promotion of pupils from
14 the third grade incorporating the academic standards in at least the areas of
15 reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies.

16 3. Distribute guidelines for the school districts to follow in
17 prescribing criteria for the promotion of pupils from grade to grade in the
18 common schools. These guidelines shall include recommended procedures for
19 ~~insuring~~ ENSURING that the cultural background of a pupil is taken into
20 consideration when criteria for promotion are being applied.

21 B. Pursuant to the guidelines ~~which~~ THAT the state board of education
22 distributes, the governing board of a school district shall:

23 1. Prescribe curricula that include the academic standards in the
24 required subject areas pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section.

1 2. Prescribe criteria for the promotion of pupils from grade to grade
2 in the common schools in the school district. These criteria shall include
3 accomplishment of the academic standards in at least reading, writing,
4 mathematics, science and social studies, as determined by district
5 assessment. Other criteria may include additional measures of academic
6 achievement and attendance.

7 C. The governing board may prescribe the course of study and
8 competency requirements for promotion ~~which~~ THAT are in addition to or higher
9 than the course of study and competency requirements ~~which~~ the state board
10 prescribes.

11 D. A teacher shall determine whether to promote or retain a pupil in
12 grade in a common school as provided in section 15-521, paragraph 3 on the
13 basis of the prescribed criteria. The governing board, if it reviews the
14 decision of a teacher to promote or retain a pupil in grade in a common
15 school as provided in section 15-342, paragraph 11, shall base its decision
16 on the prescribed criteria.

17 E. A governing board may provide and issue certificates of promotion
18 to pupils whom it promotes from the eighth grade of a common school. Such
19 certificates shall be signed by the principal or superintendent of schools.
20 Where there is no principal or superintendent of schools, the certificates
21 shall be signed by the teacher of an eighth grade. The certificates shall
22 admit the holders to any high school in the state.

23 F. A governing board may request certificates of promotion from the
24 county school superintendent. If a governing board requests these
25 certificates from the county school superintendent, the county school
26 superintendent shall furnish and sign the certificates.

27 G. Within any high school district or union high school district, the
28 superintendent of the high school district shall supervise the work of the
29 eighth grade of all schools employing no superintendent or principal.

1 H. A school district shall not deny a pupil who is between the ages of
2 sixteen and twenty-one years admission to a high school because the pupil
3 does not hold an eighth grade certificate. Governing boards shall establish
4 procedures for determining the admissibility of pupils who are under sixteen
5 years of age and who do not hold eighth grade certificates.

6 I. The state board of education shall adopt rules to allow common
7 school pupils who can demonstrate competency in a particular academic course
8 or subject to obtain academic credit for the course or subject without
9 enrolling in the course or subject.

10 J. IN ADDITION TO THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
11 SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SECTION, THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS SHALL
12 REQUIRE PUPILS IN GRADE EIGHT TO OBTAIN A PASSING SCORE ON A TEST THAT
13 CONSISTS OF AT LEAST TWENTY QUESTIONS FROM THE CIVICS PORTION OF THE
14 NATURALIZATION TEST PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
15 SERVICES. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL ADMINISTER THE TEST
16 PRESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION TO EACH PUPIL IN GRADE EIGHT UNTIL THE PUPIL
17 OBTAINS A PASSING SCORE ON THE TEST. THE GOVERNING BOARD OF EACH SCHOOL
18 DISTRICT SHALL SELECT A LIST OF QUESTIONS THAT MAY BE ADMINISTERED ON THE
19 TEST AND MAY EITHER DEVELOP ONE TEST TO BE ADMINISTERED TO ALL PUPILS IN THE
20 ENTIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR ALLOW INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
21 DEVELOP A TEST TO BE ADMINISTERED TO THE PUPILS IN THAT SCHOOL FROM THE LIST
22 OF QUESTIONS SELECTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD. THE SPONSOR OF EACH CHARTER
23 SCHOOL SHALL SELECT A LIST OF QUESTIONS THAT MAY BE ADMINISTERED ON THE TEST
24 AND MAY EITHER DEVELOP ONE TEST TO BE ADMINISTERED TO ALL PUPILS IN THE
25 CHARTER SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THAT ENTITY OR ALLOW INDIVIDUAL CHARTER SCHOOLS
26 TO DEVELOP A TEST TO BE ADMINISTERED TO THE PUPILS IN THAT CHARTER SCHOOL
27 FROM THE LIST OF QUESTIONS SELECTED BY THE SPONSOR. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
28 CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL MODIFY THE TEST QUESTIONS TO CONFORM TO ANY CHANGES TO
29 THE CIVICS PORTION OF THE NATURALIZATION TEST ADMINISTERED BY THE UNITED
30 STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY
31 FEDERAL LAW, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SCHOOLS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY POST THE TEST
32 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE WEBSITE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, SCHOOL OR

1 CHARTER SCHOOL OR MAY PUBLISH THE TEST QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN A STUDENT
2 HANDBOOK. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW, THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 EDUCATION SHALL POST ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE ALL QUESTIONS FROM THE
4 CIVICS PORTION OF THE NATURALIZATION TEST PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES
5 CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES."

6 Amend title to conform

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