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Representatives Boyer, Coleman: Lesko, Thorpe

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-808.01; RELATING TO ONLINE INSTRUCTION.

(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 8, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 15-808.01, to read:

4 15-808.01. Online courses; standards; requirements; funding;
5 assessment; exemption; definition

6 A. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL ALLOW EACH PUPIL IN
7 GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE TO ENROLL IN AN ONLINE COURSE. THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 EDUCATION OR AN ORGANIZATION SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A LIST
9 OF APPROVED ASSESSMENTS, INCLUDING ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS OFFERED BY A
10 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES STANDARDIZED
11 COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS OR OTHER ASSESSMENTS USED BY ACCREDITED HIGHER
12 EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, THAT A PUPIL ENROLLED IN AN ONLINE COURSE PURSUANT TO
13 THIS SECTION SHALL TAKE AFTER THE ONLINE COURSE IS COMPLETED. THE DEPARTMENT
14 SHALL DISPLAY THE APPROVED LIST OF ELIGIBLE ASSESSMENTS ON ITS WEBSITE.

15 B. IF A PUPIL EARNS A PASSING SCORE ON ONE OF THE APPROVED
16 ASSESSMENTS, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL WHERE THE PUPIL IS
17 ENROLLED SHALL ACCEPT COURSE CREDITS EARNED THROUGH THE PUPIL'S ONLINE COURSE
18 AND APPLY THE CREDITS TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION OR GRADE COMPLETION.

19 C. A PUPIL WHO WISHES TO ENROLL IN AN ONLINE COURSE PURSUANT TO THIS
20 SECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THE PUPIL IS ENROLLED AT LEAST
21 THIRTY DAYS BEFORE ENROLLMENT IN AN ONLINE COURSE.

22 D. AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS BEFORE TAKING THE ASSESSMENT, A PUPIL ENROLLED
23 IN AN ONLINE COURSE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOTIFY THE SCHOOL AT WHICH
24 THE PUPIL IS ENROLLED OF THE ASSESSMENT CHOSEN BY THE PUPIL FROM THE APPROVED
25 LIST.

26 E. AT THE TIME A PUPIL ENROLLS IN AN ONLINE COURSE PURSUANT TO THIS
27 SECTION, THE ONLINE COURSE PROVIDER SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE COST
28 THAT WILL BE CHARGED TO ENROLL THE PUPIL IN THAT ONLINE COURSE. THE
29 DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY THE COST OF THE ONLINE COURSE TO THE ONLINE COURSE
30 PROVIDER, SHALL LIST THE COST ON ITS WEBSITE AND SHALL MAKE THE COST
31 AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE. THE MAXIMUM
32 COST FOR AN ONLINE COURSE SHALL BE EQUIVALENT TO ONE-TWELFTH OF THE STATEWIDE
33 AVERAGE PER PUPIL FUNDING AMOUNT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR ALL SCHOOL
34 DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE DURING THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR, AS
35 DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

36 F. THE FUNDING FOR EACH ONLINE COURSE SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE
37 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL WHERE THE PUPIL IS ENROLLED AND SHALL BE
38 EQUIVALENT TO THE TOTAL STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING THAT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE
39 BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL IF THAT PUPIL HAD
40 TAKEN A COURSE IN THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER AT A PHYSICAL LOCATION IN THE
41 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR AT THE CHARTER SCHOOL. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER
42 SCHOOL SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDING FOR THE ONLINE COURSE TO THE ONLINE
43 COURSE PROVIDER AS FOLLOWS:

44 1. FIFTY PER CENT ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF THE PUPIL'S ENROLLMENT IN
45 THE ONLINE COURSE.

- 1 2. THIRTY PER CENT WHEN THE PUPIL COMPLETES THE ONLINE COURSE WITH A
2 GRADE OF C OR BETTER, OR THE EQUIVALENT.
- 3 3. THE REMAINING TWENTY PER CENT WHEN THE PUPIL HAS DEMONSTRATED
4 MASTERY OF THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE ONLINE COURSE THROUGH AN APPROVED
5 ASSESSMENT.
- 6 G. THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE PUPILS TO TAKE ALL OR A PORTION OF AN
7 ONLINE COURSE AT A SCHOOL SITE, AT THE SITE OF THE ONLINE COURSE PROVIDER OR
8 AT ANY OTHER SPECIFIED PHYSICAL LOCATION.
- 9 H. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, ONLINE COURSE PROVIDERS THAT PROVIDE
10 INSTRUCTION TO PUPILS WHO ARE ENROLLED FULL-TIME IN ARIZONA ONLINE
11 INSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-808 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION AND
12 ARE EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.
- 13 I. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DEMONSTRATED MASTERY" MEANS THAT
14 THE PUPIL OBTAINS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - 15 1. A GRADE OF A OR B, OR THE EQUIVALENT, ON AN END-OF-COURSE
16 ASSESSMENT. THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE THAT A SPECIFIC END-OF-COURSE
17 ASSESSMENT BE USED TO DEMONSTRATE MASTERY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
 - 18 2. IF THE ONLINE COURSE AWARDS POTENTIAL COLLEGE CREDITS, A SCORE THAT
19 GRANTS COLLEGE CREDIT ON THE FINAL EXAMINATION.