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## **SB 1285**

Introduced by  
Senator Ward; Representatives Kwasman, Lesko; Senators Crandell, Melvin,  
Murphy; Representative Boyer

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING  
SECTION 15-249.04; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(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 2, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 15-249.04, to read:

4 15-249.04. Handbook of educational options

5 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRODUCE AND ANNUALLY UPDATE A HANDBOOK OF  
6 EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS OF PUPILS IN SCHOOL  
7 DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ANNUALLY MAIL A COPY OF  
8 THE HANDBOOK TO THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS IN THIS  
9 STATE.

10 B. THE HANDBOOK SHALL DESCRIBE THE EDUCATIONAL CHOICES AVAILABLE TO  
11 PUPILS, INCLUDING OPEN ENROLLMENT, CHARTER SCHOOLS, PRIVATE SCHOOLS,  
12 HOMESCHOOLING, TUITION TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS AND EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP  
13 ACCOUNTS. THE HANDBOOK SHALL PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW PARENTS CAN ACCESS  
14 EACH OF THESE DIFFERENT OPTIONS. THE DESCRIPTION IN THE HANDBOOK OF EACH  
15 EDUCATION CHOICE OPTION SHALL INCLUDE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE STATE  
16 AGENCY THAT ADMINISTERS THAT PARTICULAR CHOICE OPTION.

17 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST A COPY OF THE HANDBOOK ON THE  
18 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

19 D. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE MONIES ALLOCATED TO THE DEPARTMENT  
20 PURSUANT TO TITLE I OF THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF 1965 TO  
21 PAY THE COSTS OF PRODUCING AND UPDATING THE HANDBOOK AND THE POSTAGE COSTS OF  
22 MAILING THE HANDBOOK AS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.