

REFERENCE TITLE: schools; computer coding instruction

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Introduced by
Senator Kavanagh

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING
SECTION 15-117; RELATING TO SCHOOL 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 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 15-117, to read:

4 ~~15-117. Hour of coding required; exemption; waiver~~

5 A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL REQUIRE ALL PUPILS IN
6 GRADES FOUR THROUGH TWELVE TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE HOUR OF INTERACTIVE
7 COMPUTER INSTRUCTION THAT IS DESIGNED TO EXPOSE PUPILS TO READING,
8 UNDERSTANDING AND WRITING COMPUTER CODE AND THAT IS OFFERED BY A NATIONALLY
9 RECOGNIZED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS DEVOTED TO EXPANDING ACCESS TO
10 COMPUTER SCIENCE. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY NOT REQUIRE A
11 PUPIL TO PARTICIPATE MORE THAN ONCE IN THIS INTERACTIVE COMPUTER INSTRUCTION.

12 B. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY EXEMPT A CHILD WITH A
13 DISABILITY AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-731 FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A
14 OF THIS SECTION IF THE CHILD IS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN OR BENEFIT FROM THE
15 INTERACTIVE COMPUTER INSTRUCTION.

16 C. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY APPLY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT
17 OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION FOR A FULL OR PARTIAL WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF
18 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL DOES
19 NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT COMPUTER INFRASTRUCTURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS
20 OF SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
21 SHALL EVALUATE THE WAIVER APPLICATION AND DETERMINE WHETHER TO ISSUE THE
22 WAIVER.