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# SENATE BILL 1363

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-244; RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INDIAN 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 15-244, to read:

4 15-244. Office of Indian education; definition

5 A. THE OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION IS ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 EDUCATION. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL HIRE APPROPRIATE  
7 PERSONNEL FOR THE OFFICE.

8 B. THE OFFICE OF INDIAN EDUCATION SHALL:

9 1. IN COLLABORATION WITH INDIAN NATIONS, PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
10 TO SCHOOLS AND INDIAN NATIONS TO MEET THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF NATIVE  
11 AMERICAN PUPILS.

12 2. PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS AND INDIAN NATIONS IN THE  
13 PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION OF CURRICULA THAT ARE  
14 CULTURALLY RELEVANT AND ALIGNED TO STATE STANDARDS.

15 3. PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SCHOOLS AND INDIAN NATIONS TO  
16 DEVELOP CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE CURRICULA AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS.

17 4. ESTABLISH AN INDIAN EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
18 EDUCATION THAT SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST PARENTS WHO ARE NOT CERTIFICATED  
19 TEACHERS.

20 5. ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE EDUCATION OF  
21 NATIVE AMERICAN PUPILS.

22 C. AT LEAST ONCE EACH YEAR, REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL INDIAN NATIONS,  
23 MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, THE ARIZONA COMMISSION OF  
24 INDIAN AFFAIRS, THE INTERTRIBAL COUNCIL OF ARIZONA, THE LEGISLATURE, THE  
25 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND THE INDIAN EDUCATION ADVISORY  
26 COUNCIL SHALL MEET TO ASSIST IN EVALUATING, CONSOLIDATING AND COORDINATING  
27 ALL ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE EDUCATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN PUPILS.

28 D. BASED ON DATA SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION E, THE OFFICE OF  
29 INDIAN EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH ENTITIES THAT SERVE NATIVE AMERICAN  
30 PUPILS, SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL STATEWIDE NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION STATUS  
31 REPORT TO ALL INDIAN NATIONS IN THIS STATE. THE DIVISION SHALL PROVIDE A  
32 COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA  
33 STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS.

34 E. A SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH TRIBAL LANDS LOCATED WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES  
35 SHALL PROVIDE A DISTRICT-WIDE NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION STATUS REPORT TO ALL  
36 INDIAN NATIONS REPRESENTED WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND TO THE  
37 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

38 F. THE STATUS REPORTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS D AND E SHALL BE  
39 WRITTEN IN A BRIEF FORMAT AND SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION,  
40 THROUGH WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOL PERFORMANCE IS MEASURED AND REPORTED TO THE  
41 INDIAN NATIONS:

42 1. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AS MEASURED BY A STATEWIDE TEST APPROVED BY THE  
43 STATE BOARD, WITH RESULTS DISAGGREGATED BY ETHNICITY.

44 2. SCHOOL SAFETY.

45 3. THE DROPOUT RATE.

- 1           4. ATTENDANCE.
- 2           5. PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.
- 3           6. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT TARGET NATIVE AMERICAN PUPILS.
- 4           7. FINANCIAL REPORTS.
- 5           8. THE CURRENT STATUS OF FEDERAL INDIAN EDUCATION POLICIES AND
- 6 PROCEDURES.
- 7           9. SCHOOL DISTRICT INITIATIVES TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENT
- 8 DROPOUTS AND INCREASE ATTENDANCE.
- 9           10. PUBLIC SCHOOL USE OF VARIABLE SCHOOL CALENDARS.
- 10          11. SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSULTATIONS WITH PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEES.
- 11          G. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE INDIAN
- 12 NATIONS IN THIS STATE, MAY ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.
- 13          H. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "INDIAN NATIONS" MEANS AN INDIAN
- 14 NATION, TRIBE OR PUEBLO LOCATED IN THIS STATE.