

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REFORM  
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1204  
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Title 15, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 15-114, to read:

4 15-114. Schools: parental intervention options: notification

5 A. FOR ANY SCHOOL THAT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A LETTER GRADE OF D OR F  
6 PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-241, THE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF PUPILS  
7 ATTENDING THAT SCHOOL AND PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF PUPILS ATTENDING A SCHOOL  
8 THAT FEEDS INTO THAT SCHOOL MAY SUBMIT A PETITION TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
9 GOVERNING BOARD TO REQUEST THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD TAKE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
10 ACTIONS:

11 1. CLOSE THE SCHOOL.

12 2. CONVERT THE SCHOOL TO A CHARTER SCHOOL.

13 3. REPLACE THE EXISTING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL WITH A DIFFERENT PRINCIPAL  
14 WHO SHALL BE ALLOWED SUFFICIENT OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO  
15 STAFFING, CALENDARS AND BUDGETING TO IMPLEMENT A FULLY COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH  
16 IN ORDER TO IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT OUTCOMES AND INCREASE HIGH SCHOOL  
17 GRADUATION RATES.

18 B. IF AT LEAST ONE PARENT OR GUARDIAN IN MORE THAN FIFTY PER CENT OF  
19 THE HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THAT SCHOOL SIGNS THE  
20 PETITION, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD SHALL TAKE THE ACTION REQUESTED  
21 IN THE PETITION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER VERIFYING THE SIGNATURES ON THE  
22 PETITION. THE SIGNATURE OF ONLY ONE PARENT OR GUARDIAN FROM EACH HOUSEHOLD  
23 SHALL BE COUNTED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION.

24 C. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD SHALL NOTIFY THE SUPERINTENDENT  
25 OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON RECEIPT OF A  
26 PETITION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

1           Sec. 2. Section 15-2401, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

2           15-2401. Definitions

3           In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

4           1. "Department" means the department of education.

5           2. "Eligible postsecondary institution" means a community college as  
6 defined in section 15-1401, a university under the jurisdiction of the  
7 Arizona board of regents or an accredited private postsecondary institution.

8           3. "Parent" means a resident of this state who is the parent or legal  
9 guardian of a qualified student.

10           4. "Qualified school" means a nongovernmental primary or secondary  
11 school or a preschool for handicapped students that is located in this state  
12 and that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color or national  
13 origin.

14           5. "Qualified student" means a resident of this state who BOTH:

15           (a) Is either:

16           (i) Identified as having a disability under section 504 of the  
17 rehabilitation act OF 1973 (29 United States Code section 794). ~~;~~

18           (ii) Identified by a school district as a child with a disability as  
19 defined in section 15-761. ~~or~~

20           (iii) A child with a disability who is eligible to receive services  
21 from a school district under section 15-763.

22           (iv) ATTENDING A SCHOOL THAT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A LETTER GRADE OF D OR  
23 F PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-241.

24           (b) ~~And who~~ Did any of the following:

25           ~~(a)~~ (i) Attended a governmental primary or secondary school as a  
26 full-time student as defined in section 15-901 for at least the first one  
27 hundred days of the prior fiscal year and who transferred from a governmental  
28 primary or secondary school to a qualified school.

29           ~~(b)~~ (ii) Participated in the empowerment scholarship account program  
30 in the previous year and whose parent renews the agreement pursuant to  
31 section 15-2402, subsection ~~B~~ D.

1                   ~~(e)~~ (iii) Received a scholarship under section 43-1505 and who  
2 continues to attend a qualified school.

3                   6. "Treasurer" means the office of the state treasurer."

4 Amend title to conform

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