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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-710, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 15-717.01 AND 15-717.02; RELATING TO SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-710, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-710. Instruction in state and federal constitutions.
5 American institutions and history of Arizona

6 A. All schools ~~shall~~ MAY give instruction in the essentials, sources
7 and history of ~~the Constitutions of the United States and Arizona and~~
8 ~~instruction in~~ American institutions and ideals and in the history of
9 Arizona, including the history of Native Americans in Arizona. The
10 instruction ~~shall~~ MAY be given in accordance with the state course of study
11 ~~for at least one year of~~ IN the common school grades and high school grades
12 respectively.

13 B. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION
14 TO HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS SHALL PROVIDE A COURSE IN THE ESSENTIALS, SOURCES AND
15 HISTORY OF THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ARIZONA AND THE
16 ARGUMENTS PRESENTED IN THE FEDERALIST PAPERS. THE INSTRUCTION SHALL BE
17 PROVIDED TO EACH HIGH SCHOOL PUPIL FOR AT LEAST ONE FULL SCHOOL YEAR.
18 BEGINNING IN THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL
19 SHALL NOT ISSUE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TO A PUPIL UNLESS THAT PUPIL COMPLETES
20 AND OBTAINS A PASSING SCORE IN THE COURSE PRESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

21 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 7, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
22 amended by adding sections 15-717.01 and 15-717.02, to read:

23 15-717.01. Instruction in the free enterprise system

24 A. INSTRUCTION IN THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM SHALL BE PROVIDED IN A
25 COURSE LASTING AT LEAST ONE SEMESTER DURING HIGH SCHOOL.

26 B. BEGINNING WITH PUPILS ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL IN THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL
27 YEAR, PUPILS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO FULFILL THE FREE ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENT
28 PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AND OBTAIN A PASSING GRADE IN THE COURSE IN ORDER
29 TO RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

30 C. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL:

31 1. ADOPT STATE STANDARDS ON FREE ENTERPRISE COURSES THAT ARE
32 CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION.

33 2. DETERMINE OR OTHERWISE DEVELOP A FREE ENTERPRISE COURSE THAT
34 INCLUDES THE AREAS OF INSTRUCTION PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION E OF THIS
35 SECTION. IN CARRYING OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE STATE BOARD
36 OF EDUCATION MAY CONTRACT WITH ONE OR MORE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE EXPERTISE
37 IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS AND CURRICULA IN THESE AREAS OF INSTRUCTION.

38 3. PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR TEACHERS
39 WHO WILL PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN FREE ENTERPRISE COURSES. IN CARRYING OUT THE
40 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY CONTRACT
41 WITH ONE OR MORE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE EXPERTISE IN THE AREAS OF
42 INSTRUCTION DESIGNATED IN SUBSECTION E OF THIS SECTION.

43 D. BEGINNING IN THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR, THE ARIZONA INSTRUMENT TO
44 MEASURE STANDARDS TEST AND ANY OTHER STATEWIDE CURRICULUM-BASED TEST SHALL
45 INCLUDE QUESTIONS ON THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM.

1 E. AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF INSTRUCTION SHALL BE INCLUDED
2 IN THE FREE ENTERPRISE COURSE:

3 1. THE BASIC CHARACTERISTICS OF A FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM, INCLUDING
4 THE ROLES PLAYED BY THE RULE OF LAW, PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, PROFIT AND
5 LOSS, COMPETITION AND REGULATION, SUPPLY AND DEMAND, CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS
6 AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION IN CREATING AND SUSTAINING A FREE ENTERPRISE
7 SYSTEM.

8 2. THE BENEFITS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH, WEALTH CREATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL
9 INNOVATION AND THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM IN ACHIEVING
10 THESE BENEFITS AS COMPARED TO OTHER ECONOMIC SYSTEMS.

11 3. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RULE OF LAW, PRIVATE OWNERSHIP RIGHTS,
12 ECONOMIC LIBERTY AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY TO THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM
13 AND THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE DECLARATION OF
14 INDEPENDENCE IN PRESERVING THESE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS.

15 4. THE IMPACT OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING, REGULATIONS, TAX, MONETARY AND
16 TRADE POLICIES ON ECONOMIC GROWTH, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, PRODUCTIVITY AND
17 TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION.

18 5. THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES PRESENTED BY STARTING A BUSINESS.

19 15-717.02. Instruction on personal finance; graduation
20 requirement

21 A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES INSTRUCTION
22 TO HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS SHALL PROVIDE A COURSE IN PERSONAL FINANCE AS PART OF
23 THE MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

24 1. THE MANAGEMENT OF HOUSEHOLD LIVING EXPENSES.

25 2. HOME FINANCING, INCLUDING RESIDENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENTS AND MORTGAGE
26 FINANCING.

27 3. AUTOMOBILE FINANCING AND FINANCIAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO OTHER
28 FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION.

29 4. VARIOUS TYPES OF SERVICES OFFERED BY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS,
30 INCLUDING DEBIT CARDS, CREDIT CARDS, CHECKING ACCOUNTS AND SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.

31 5. RETIREMENT PLANNING.

32 B. BEGINNING IN THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR, A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR
33 CHARTER SCHOOL IN THIS STATE SHALL NOT ISSUE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA TO A PUPIL
34 UNLESS THAT PUPIL COMPLETES AND OBTAINS A PASSING GRADE IN A PERSONAL FINANCE
35 COURSE PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

36 Sec. 3. Department of education; free enterprise instruction;
37 report

38 The department of education shall submit a report on or before
39 September 15, 2014 to the governor, the speaker of the house of
40 representatives and the president of the senate on the implementation of
41 instruction in the free enterprise system pursuant to section 15-717.01,
42 Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, and shall provide a copy of
43 this report to the secretary of state.