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CHAPTER 114
SENATE BILL 1242

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-216; RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD 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 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 15-216, to read:

4 15-216. Arizona critical language and economic development
5 pilot program; rules; program termination; definition

6 A. IF SUFFICIENT FUNDING IS PROVIDED FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE STATE BOARD
7 OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A SIX-YEAR ARIZONA CRITICAL LANGUAGE AND
8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN
9 CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT
10 COURSES OF STUDY IN CRITICAL LANGUAGES FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM.

11 B. A COURSE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY BE TAUGHT THROUGH
12 INNOVATIVE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES EITHER IN A TRADITIONAL SETTING OR BY A
13 VISITING FOREIGN GUEST TEACHER.

14 C. THE COURSES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY USE
15 PARAPROFESSIONALS IN THE CLASSROOM WHO ARE FLUENT IN THE CRITICAL LANGUAGE
16 BEING TAUGHT AND WHO CAN PROVIDE REINFORCEMENT AND TUTORING TO PUPILS ON DAYS
17 AND AT TIMES WHEN THE PUPILS ARE NOT RECEIVING REGULAR INSTRUCTION.

18 D. PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL ENSURE
19 THAT ANY PARAPROFESSIONALS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM ARE FLUENT IN
20 THE CRITICAL LANGUAGES BEING TAUGHT AND SHALL SUBMIT A SIGNED ATTESTATION TO
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION HAVE
22 BEEN MET.

23 E. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT RULES RELATING TO THE
24 AUTHORIZED CRITICAL LANGUAGE COURSES THAT INCLUDE NOTIFICATION TO SCHOOL
25 DISTRICTS ABOUT THE TIMES AND PLACES OF THE COURSE OFFERINGS AND
26 INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS FOR THE COURSES.

27 F. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL TRACK, MONITOR AND EXPAND THE
28 PILOT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL COURSE OFFERINGS AND OTHER CRITICAL
29 LANGUAGES, SUBJECT TO PUPIL DEMAND FOR THE COURSES AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
30 RESOURCES, EXCEPT THAT NO MORE THAN TWENTY SCHOOL SITES MAY PARTICIPATE IN
31 THE PILOT PROGRAM.

32 G. BEGINNING IN THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR, THE STATE BOARD OF
33 EDUCATION SHALL SELECT SEVEN SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM AS
34 FOLLOWS:

- 35 1. THREE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS SHALL OFFER CHINESE LANGUAGE COURSES.
36 2. TWO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS SHALL OFFER SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES.
37 3. TWO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS SHALL OFFER ADDITIONAL CRITICAL LANGUAGE
38 COURSES.

39 H. IF SUFFICIENT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM, EACH
40 PARTICIPATING SCHOOL SHALL:

- 41 1. RECEIVE UP TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EVERY
42 YEAR THAT THE SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.
43 2. ESTABLISH A RESEARCHED-BASED INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL ADOPTED BY THE
44 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT USES FIFTY PER CENT INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH AND
45 FIFTY PER CENT INSTRUCTION IN ANOTHER CRITICAL LANGUAGE.

1 3. BEGIN THE INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION IN EITHER
2 THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM OR GRADE ONE AND ADD AN ADDITIONAL GRADE EACH YEAR
3 OF PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

4 I. IF SUFFICIENT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
5 SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CRITICAL
6 LANGUAGES TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN CARRYING OUT THIS SECTION. IF
7 SUFFICIENT FUNDING IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRORATE THE AMOUNT
8 PROVIDED TO EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FUNDING
9 AVAILABLE.

10 J. PUPILS WHO ARE CLASSIFIED AS ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS PURSUANT TO
11 SECTION 15-756 AND NATIVE SPEAKERS OF THE CRITICAL LANGUAGE BEING TAUGHT ARE
12 NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

13 K. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102.

15 L. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "CRITICAL LANGUAGES" MEANS:

16 1. LANGUAGES DESCRIBED IN THE NATIONAL SECURITY LANGUAGE INITIATIVE,
17 INCLUDING CHINESE, RUSSIAN, FRENCH, SPANISH, JAPANESE, ARABIC AND PORTUGUESE.

18 2. NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGES.

19 Sec. 2. Emergency

20 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
21 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
22 law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 22, 2014.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 23, 2014.