SENATE BILL 1074

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-189, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 15-189, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-189. Charter schools; vacant buildings; list; used equipment

A. The department of education, in conjunction with the department of administration, shall annually publish a list of vacant and unused buildings and vacant and unused portions of buildings that are owned by this state or by school districts in this state and that may be suitable for the operation of a charter school. The department of education shall make the list available to applicants for charter schools and to existing charter schools. The list shall include the address of each building, a short description of the building and the name of the owner of the building. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT DECIDES TO SELL OR LEASE A VACANT AND UNUSED BUILDING OR A VACANT AND UNUSED PORTION OF A BUILDING, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY NOT PROHIBIT A CHARTER SCHOOL FROM NEGOTIATING TO BUY OR LEASE THE PROPERTY IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER POTENTIAL BUYERS OR LESSEES. A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE VALUE UNDER CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS FOR THE SALE OR LEASE OF THE VACANT AND UNUSED BUILDING OR THE VACANT AND UNUSED PORTION OF A BUILDING. Nothing in this section requires the owner of a building on the list to sell or lease the building or a portion of the building to a charter school or to any other school or to any other prospective buyer or tenant.

B. A school district may sell used equipment to a charter school before the school district attempts to sell or dispose of the equipment by other means.