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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-741.02; RELATING TO SCHOOL STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS.

(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 7, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 15-741.02, to read:

4 15-741.02. Menu of statewide achievement assessments:
5 requirements; rules

6 A. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A MENU OF STATEWIDE
7 ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS TO MEASURE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE STATE ACADEMIC
8 STANDARDS. BEGINNING IN THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH LOCAL EDUCATION
9 AGENCY MAY SELECT FROM THAT MENU A STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT TO
10 ADMINISTER TO THE PUPILS IN THAT LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY.

11 B. THE TEST TO MEASURE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF
12 EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-741 SHALL BE INCLUDED ON THE MENU OF
13 STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS. ANY OTHER STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT
14 ASSESSMENT THAT IS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR INCLUSION ON
15 THE MENU SHALL BE A HIGH QUALITY ASSESSMENT.

16 C. A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY THAT SELECTS A STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT
17 ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN
18 SECTION 15-741.

19 D. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES TO BE
20 ADMINISTERED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO THIS
21 SECTION. ANY RULE OR PROCEDURE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT
22 REQUIRE A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL APPROVAL FROM THE
23 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SELECT AN
24 ASSESSMENT FROM THE MENU OF ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

25 E. THE PROVIDER OF A STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT THAT IS PROPOSED
26 TO BE ON THE MENU OF STATEWIDE ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS SHALL DO ALL OF THE
27 FOLLOWING BEFORE THE ASSESSMENT'S ADOPTION BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION:

28 1. PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE ASSESSMENT IS A HIGH QUALITY ASSESSMENT.

29 2. DEMONSTRATE THAT THE ASSESSMENT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE STATE BOARD'S
30 ADOPTED ACADEMIC STANDARDS.

31 3. DEMONSTRATE THAT THE PER PUPIL COST TO ADMINISTER THE ASSESSMENT IS
32 NOT MORE THAN THE PER PUPIL COST TO ADMINISTER THE TEST ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
33 SECTION 15-741.

34 4. SUBMIT AN EVALUATION FROM A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD
35 OF EDUCATION THAT SHOWS THE ASSESSMENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN
36 PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

37 5. AGREE TO SHARE TESTING ITEMS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.