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SENATE BILL 1321

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-741.02; RELATING TO SCHOOL 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 locally procured achievement assessments:
5 requirements; rules

6 A. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A MENU OF LOCALLY PROCURED
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 THAT OFFERS INSTRUCTION IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE MAY SELECT FROM
10 THAT MENU AN ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT THAT IS LOCALLY PROCURED TO ADMINISTER TO
11 THE PUPILS IN ONE OR MORE SCHOOLS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE RULES AND PROCEDURES
12 OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THAT LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY INSTEAD OF THE
13 TEST TO MEASURE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-741. BEGINNING IN THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH
15 LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY THAT OFFERS INSTRUCTION IN GRADES THREE THROUGH EIGHT
16 MAY SELECT FROM THAT MENU AN ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT THAT IS LOCALLY PROCURED
17 TO ADMINISTER TO THE PUPILS IN THAT LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY INSTEAD OF THE
18 TEST TO MEASURE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
19 PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-741.

20 B. A LOCALLY PROCURED ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT IN USE BY A LOCAL
21 EDUCATION AGENCY THAT IS NOT ON THE MENU OF ASSESSMENTS MAY BE ADDED TO THE
22 MENU AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY AND APPROVAL BY THE STATE
23 BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL EVALUATE LOCALLY
24 PROCURED ASSESSMENTS NOT ON THE MENU PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ANNUALLY.

25 C. A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY THAT SELECTS A LOCALLY PROCURED
26 ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS
27 PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-741. THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY SHALL INCLUDE THE
28 NAME OF THE ASSESSMENT IT ADMINISTERS IN THE SCHOOL REPORT CARD REQUIRED IN
29 SECTION 15-746 AND ADMINISTER THE ASSESSMENT FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME
30 PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

31 D. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR
32 THE APPROVAL OF LOCALLY PROCURED ASSESSMENTS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
33 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. ANY RULE OR
34 PROCEDURE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT REQUIRE A LOCAL
35 EDUCATION AGENCY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL APPROVAL FROM THE STATE BOARD OF
36 EDUCATION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SELECT AN ASSESSMENT FROM THE
37 MENU OF ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION EXCEPT THAT A LOCAL EDUCATION
38 AGENCY ASSIGNED A LETTER GRADE OF D OR F PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-241 MAY NOT
39 CHOOSE AN ASSESSMENT FROM THE MENU AND SHALL CONTINUE TO USE THE STATEWIDE
40 ASSESSMENT ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION
41 15-741.

42 E. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL REQUIRE THAT THE PROVIDER OF A
43 LOCALLY PROCURED ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT THAT IS PROPOSED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR
44 THE MENU OF LOCALLY PROCURED ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS SHALL DO ALL OF THE
45 FOLLOWING:

- 1 1. PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE ASSESSMENT IS A HIGH QUALITY ASSESSMENT.
- 2 2. DEMONSTRATE THAT THE ASSESSMENT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE STATE BOARD'S
- 3 ADOPTED ACADEMIC STANDARDS.
- 4 3. DEMONSTRATE THAT THE ASSESSMENT SCORES CAN BE EQUATED FOR STATE
- 5 ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMS INCLUDING ESTABLISHING COMPARABLE STUDENT ASSESSMENT
- 6 SCORES AND PERFORMANCE LEVELS FOR ACHIEVEMENT PROFILES AND LETTER GRADE
- 7 CLASSIFICATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-241.
- 8 4. SUBMIT AN EVALUATION FROM A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD
- 9 OF EDUCATION THAT SHOWS THE ASSESSMENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN
- 10 PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3 OF THIS SUBSECTION.
- 11 5. PROVIDE A COPY OF ASSESSMENT SCORES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
- 12 WHEN SCORES ARE PROVIDED TO THEIR PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY.
- 13 Sec. 2. Report; menu of assessments; state board of education
- 14 The state board of education shall submit a report on or before
- 15 December 15, 2017 to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker
- 16 of the house of representatives and the chairs of the standing education
- 17 committees and provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state on the
- 18 progress of the implementation of the menu of assessments for local education
- 19 agencies that offer instruction in grades three through eight.
- 20 Sec. 3. Legislative intent
- 21 It is the intent of the legislature that the state allow local
- 22 education agencies to use assessments procured at the local level, if they
- 23 meet the requirements outlined in this act, in order to limit duplicative
- 24 testing and to save local resources currently spent administering multiple
- 25 assessments. If local learning goals and state accountability requirements
- 26 can be met with one assessment, the state should relieve students, teachers
- 27 and schools of unnecessary duplicative testing and maximize instructional
- 28 time.