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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-118; RELATING TO RECESS IN SCHOOLS.

(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 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-118, to read:

4 15-118. Recess; requirements; exceptions; definition

5 A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE AT LEAST
6 TWO RECESS PERIODS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY FOR PUPILS IN KINDERGARTEN
7 PROGRAMS AND GRADES ONE THROUGH FIVE.

8 B. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, A SCHOOL THAT
9 OFFERS A HALF-DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AT LEAST ONE
10 RECESS PERIOD DURING THE SCHOOL DAY FOR PUPILS IN THAT KINDERGARTEN
11 PROGRAM. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A CHARTER SCHOOL MAY COUNT A PUPIL'S
12 PARTICIPATION IN A PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSE DURING A DAY AS ONE OF THAT
13 DAY'S RECESS PERIODS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

14 C. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL IS NOT REQUIRED TO EXTEND
15 THE SCHOOL DAY AS PART OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A OF THIS
16 SECTION.

17 D. THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO MIDDLE SCHOOLS, JUNIOR HIGH
18 SCHOOLS, HIGH SCHOOLS, ARIZONA ONLINE INSTRUCTION OR SCHOOLS IN WHICH THE
19 LOWEST GRADE OF INSTRUCTION OFFERED IS GRADE FIVE.

20 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "RECESS" MEANS A PERIOD OF
21 TIME DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY, INCLUDING TIME BEFORE OR AFTER A
22 SCHEDULED LUNCH PERIOD, DURING WHICH A PUPIL IS ABLE TO ENGAGE IN PHYSICAL
23 ACTIVITY OR SOCIAL INTERACTION WITH OTHER PUPILS.