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# HOUSE BILL 2037

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-741, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PUPIL  
ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-741, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-741. Assessment of pupils

5 A. The state board of education shall:

6 1. Adopt rules for purposes of this article pursuant to title 41,  
7 chapter 6.

8 2. Adopt and implement a statewide assessment to measure pupil  
9 achievement of the state ~~board adopted~~ BOARD-ADOPTED academic standards in  
10 reading, writing and mathematics in at least four grades designated by the  
11 STATE board. The STATE board shall determine the manner of  
12 implementation. The STATE board may administer assessments of the  
13 academic standards in social studies and science, except that a pupil  
14 shall not be required to meet or exceed the social studies or science  
15 standards measured by the statewide assessment.

16 3. Ensure that the tests prescribed in this section are uniform  
17 throughout the state.

18 4. Ensure that the tests prescribed in this section are able to be  
19 scored in an objective manner and ~~that the tests~~ are not intended to  
20 advocate any sectarian, partisan or denominational viewpoint.

21 5. Ensure that the tests prescribed in this article collect only  
22 types of pupil nontest data that are approved by the state board ~~of~~  
23 ~~education~~ at a public meeting and published on the website of the state  
24 board ~~of education~~ pursuant to paragraph 7 of this subsection.

25 6. Include within its budget all costs pertaining to the tests  
26 prescribed in this article. If sufficient monies are appropriated, the  
27 state board may provide achievement test services to school districts that  
28 request assistance in testing pupils in grades additional to those  
29 required by this section.

30 7. Survey teachers, principals and superintendents on  
31 achievement-related nontest indicators, including information on  
32 graduation rates by ethnicity and dropout rates by ethnicity for each  
33 grade level. Before the survey, the state board ~~of education~~ shall  
34 approve at a public meeting the nontest indicators on which data will be  
35 collected and shall post in a prominent position on the home page of the  
36 state board's website a link to the nontest indicators entitled "What  
37 nontest data does the state of Arizona collect about Arizona pupils?".  
38 The linked web page shall state the types of data collected, the reasons  
39 for the collection of the data and the entities with which the data is  
40 shared. In conducting the survey and collecting data, the state board ~~of~~  
41 ~~education~~ shall not violate the provisions of the family educational  
42 rights and privacy act (P.L. 93-380), as amended, ~~nor~~ OR disclose  
43 personally identifiable information.

44 8. Establish a fair and consistent method and standard by which  
45 test scores from schools in a district may be evaluated taking into

1 consideration demographic data. The STATE board shall establish  
2 intervention strategies to assist schools with scores below the acceptable  
3 standard. The STATE board shall annually review district and school  
4 scores and shall offer assistance to school districts in analyzing data  
5 and implementing intervention strategies. The STATE board shall use the  
6 adopted test and methods of data evaluation for a period of at least ten  
7 years.

8 9. Participate in other assessments that provide national  
9 comparisons as needed.

10 10. Require in the contract for the statewide assessment pursuant  
11 to this section that test scores and assessment data from the third grade  
12 reading portion of the statewide assessment adopted pursuant to this  
13 section be received by local education agencies on or before May 15 of  
14 each academic year and THAT the scores and assessment data from all other  
15 portions of the statewide assessment adopted pursuant to this section be  
16 received by local education agencies on or before May 25 of each academic  
17 year. The state board shall impose penalties on the contractor for scores  
18 received after these dates.

19 B. The achievement tests adopted by the state board as provided in  
20 subsection A of this section shall be given at least annually. Nontest  
21 indicator data and other information shall be collected at the same time  
22 as the collection of achievement test data.

23 C. Local school district governing boards shall:

24 1. Administer the tests prescribed in subsection A of this section.

25 2. Survey teachers, principals and superintendents on ~~achievement~~  
26 ~~related~~ ACHIEVEMENT-RELATED nontest indicator data as required by the  
27 state board, including information related to district graduation and  
28 dropout rates. In conducting the survey and collecting data, the  
29 governing board shall not violate the provisions of the family educational  
30 rights and privacy act (P.L. 93-380), as amended, ~~nor~~ OR disclose  
31 personally identifiable information.

32 D. Any additional assessments for high school pupils that are  
33 adopted by the state board ~~of education~~ after November 24, 2009 shall be  
34 designed to measure college and career readiness of pupils.

35 E. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTIONS A AND B OF THIS SECTION, BEGINNING  
36 IN THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR, THE STATE BOARD:

37 1. SHALL NOT ADMINISTER THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PRESCRIBED IN  
38 SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SECTION TO PUPILS IN ELEVENTH GRADE.

39 2. SHALL NOT ADMINISTER THE ASSESSMENTS OF THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS  
40 IN SCIENCE PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SECTION TO HIGH  
41 SCHOOL PUPILS.

42 3. SHALL ADMINISTER TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS A STATEWIDE COLLEGE  
43 READINESS EXAMINATION THAT INCLUDES A SCIENCE COMPONENT.

44 ~~E.~~ F. A test for penmanship shall not be required pursuant to this  
45 article.