

REFERENCE TITLE: school facilities board; underutilized schools

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## **HB 2524**

Introduced by  
Representative Clodfelter

### AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-2007; RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD.

(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 16, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-2007, to read:

4 15-2007. Underutilized school facilities; ownership;  
5 transfer; requirements

6 A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD SHALL  
7 TAKE OWNERSHIP OF A SCHOOL FACILITY OPERATED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT IF THE  
8 SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE CURRENT ENROLLMENT IN THAT  
9 SCHOOL FACILITY IS BELOW TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE CAPACITY OF THAT  
10 SCHOOL FACILITY.

11 B. IF THE SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD TAKES OWNERSHIP OF A SCHOOL  
12 FACILITY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, THE SCHOOL FACILITIES  
13 BOARD:

14 1. SHALL REIMBURSE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE AMOUNT OF TEN PERCENT  
15 OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE SCHOOL FACILITY OR TEN PERCENT OF THE VALUE  
16 OF THE LAND ON WHICH THE SCHOOL FACILITY SITS, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

17 2. MAY TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL FACILITY TO AN ADJACENT  
18 SCHOOL DISTRICT IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET:

19 (a) THE ADJACENT SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ASSIGNED A LETTER GRADE OF A, B  
20 OR C PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-241.

21 (b) THE ADJACENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS EXPERIENCED ENROLLMENT GROWTH  
22 IN AT LEAST THREE OF THE PREVIOUS FIVE FISCAL YEARS.

23 (c) THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ADJACENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTES TO  
24 ASSUME OWNERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL FACILITY.

25 C. THE TRANSFER OF A SCHOOL FACILITY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF  
26 THIS SECTION IS CONTINGENT ON THE REVISION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SCHOOL  
27 DISTRICT THAT ASSUMES OWNERSHIP OF THE TRANSFERRED SCHOOL FACILITY TO  
28 INCLUDE THE NEW SCHOOL FACILITY.

29 D. IF A SCHOOL FACILITY IS TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF  
30 THIS SECTION, THE SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD SHALL FACILITATE ANY FIDUCIARY  
31 AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO SCHOOL DISTRICTS.