

State of Arizona
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CHAPTER 23
SENATE BILL 1082

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-901.02, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-901.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 15-901.02. Voluntary full-day kindergarten instruction:
5 requirements; academic quality

6 A. A school district or charter school may offer full-day
7 kindergarten instruction to pupils who meet the enrollment requirements
8 for kindergarten programs. Parents of pupils who meet the enrollment
9 requirements for voluntary kindergarten programs in a school district or
10 charter school that offers full-day kindergarten instruction may choose
11 either half-day kindergarten instruction or full-day kindergarten
12 instruction. If a charter school chooses to offer voluntary full-day
13 kindergarten instruction, any necessary capital monies needed to implement
14 voluntary full-day kindergarten instruction shall be provided by the
15 charter school.

16 B. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL OFFERS MORE THAN TWO AND
17 ONE-HALF HOURS OF VOLUNTARY TUITION-FREE KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION DURING A
18 SCHOOL DAY TO PUPILS WHO ARE UNDER SIX YEARS OF AGE, THE INSTRUCTION SHALL
19 MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

20 1. MEET OR EXCEED THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR KINDERGARTEN
21 INSTRUCTION PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND INCORPORATE
22 PLAY AS AN INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGY.

23 2. BE ACADEMICALLY MEANINGFUL.

24 3. PROVIDE ACTIVE LEARNING ENRICHMENT.

25 C. A PARENT OF A KINDERGARTEN PUPIL MAY CHOOSE EITHER HALF-DAY
26 KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION OR FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN INSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO
27 SECTION 15-703.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 16, 2018.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 16, 2018.