

State of Arizona
Senate
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2018

CHAPTER 130
SENATE BILL 1083

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 THREE. FROM AND AFTER AUGUST 1, 2019 EACH
8 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO RECESS
9 PERIODS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY FOR PUPILS IN KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND
10 GRADES ONE THROUGH FIVE.

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

17 C. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL IS NOT REQUIRED TO EXTEND
18 THE SCHOOL DAY AS PART OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A OF THIS
19 SECTION.

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

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

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 5, 2018.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 5, 2018.