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## **SB 1050**

Introduced by  
Senator Allen S

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-995, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL FINANCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-995, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-995. Special district assessment for adjacent ways by  
5 school district

6 A. The governing board of a school district may contract for  
7 constructing, maintaining or otherwise improving any public way adjacent  
8 to any parcel of land owned by the school district or leased for school  
9 purposes by the school district, or an intersection of any public way  
10 adjoining a quarter block in which the parcel of land is situated, ~~and~~ for  
11 ~~the construction of~~ CONSTRUCTING sidewalks, sewers, utility lines,  
12 roadways and other related improvements in or along such streets and  
13 intersections, and to pay for such improvements by ~~the levy of~~ LEVYING a  
14 special assessment on the taxable property in the school district. A  
15 school district shall not use any portion of the monies generated from the  
16 special assessment for any construction, maintenance or other improvements  
17 to the school district's property, except FOR improvements THAT ARE  
18 necessary to ensure the safe ingress to and egress from public school  
19 property directly adjacent to the public way for buses and fire equipment  
20 AND EXPENSES THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS OR  
21 WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS. The assessment shall be made a part of the  
22 itemized statement that is regularly filed with the county school  
23 superintendent and that shows the amount of monies needed for the expenses  
24 of schools within the school district for the ensuing year. Each adjacent  
25 ways project proposal to be funded through this special assessment must be  
26 filed with the school facilities board and include the project cost  
27 estimate. If the entire project cost for the adjacent ways project is  
28 greater than ~~fifty thousand dollars~~ \$50,000, the school facilities board  
29 shall approve or deny the project within sixty days after receipt of the  
30 filing of the project proposal by the school district, and the expenditure  
31 shall not be made unless the school facilities board validates both of the  
32 following within sixty days after receipt of the filing of the proposal:

33 1. The project that is proposed to be funded by the assessment ~~is~~  
34 ~~in compliance~~ COMPLIES with state laws relating to adjacent ways projects.

35 2. The proposal selected by the school district does not contain  
36 additional work that is not listed in the adjacent ways proposal submitted  
37 by the school district.

38 B. If any property that is owned by a school district or leased by  
39 a school district for school purposes from any city or county, the state  
40 or the United States is included within the assessment district to be  
41 assessed to pay the costs and expenses of any public improvements  
42 initiated by a city, in order to make the assessments thereon payable by  
43 the city in which the improvement is initiated, the governing board may  
44 contract with the municipality or its improvement district to reimburse it  
45 for the amount of the assessment against the property and to pay the

1 amount so contracted for by the levy of a special assessment as provided  
2 by subsection A of this section.

3 C. The governing board of the school district shall follow the  
4 truth in taxation notice and hearing requirements prescribed in section  
5 15-905.01, subsection B.

6 D. The portion of the primary tax rate to fund adjacent ways as  
7 provided in this section shall not be included in the computation of  
8 additional state aid for education as prescribed in section 15-972.