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SENATE BILL 1329

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-118, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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. Section 15-118, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 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~~ AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-901,
26 EXCLUDING STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES, WHEN PUPILS ARE able to
27 engage in physical activity ~~or~~ AND social interaction with other pupils.