

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-fourth Legislature  
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2020

# HOUSE BILL 2648

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-744; RELATING TO SCHOOL INSTRUCTION.

(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 7, article 3, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-744, to read:

4 15-744. Special education; alternative testing; rules

5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER STATE LAW AND TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY  
6 FEDERAL LAW, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT RULES THAT ALLOW A  
7 PUPIL TO PARTICIPATE IN ALTERNATIVE TESTING INSTEAD OF THE TESTING  
8 REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE IF THE PUPIL IS ENROLLED IN A SPECIAL  
9 EDUCATION PROGRAM AND THE PUPIL MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA AS SPECIFIED BY THE  
10 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

11 Sec. 2. Alternative assessment study committee; membership;  
12 duties; report; delayed repeal

13 A. The alternative assessment study committee is established  
14 consisting of the following members:

15 1. Three members of the house of representatives who are appointed  
16 by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom is a member of  
17 the minority party. The speaker of the house of representatives shall  
18 designate one of these members as the chairperson of the study committee.

19 2. Three members of the senate who are appointed by the president  
20 of the senate, one of whom is a member of the minority party.

21 3. Two special education teachers who are appointed by the speaker  
22 of the house of representatives.

23 4. Two parents of special education students who are appointed by  
24 the president of the senate.

25 5. One school district superintendent or a school district  
26 superintendent's designee who is appointed by the speaker of the house of  
27 representatives.

28 6. One person with expertise in alternative assessments who is  
29 appointed by the president of the senate.

30 7. The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's  
31 designee.

32 B. The study committee shall discuss and evaluate all of the  
33 following:

34 1. How this state can improve outreach and professional development  
35 to ensure support for parents and educators of special education students  
36 who are not eligible for the alternative assessment.

37 2. Accommodations provided to special education students while  
38 taking assessments.

39 3. Guidance on properly identifying students for the alternative  
40 assessment.

41 4. Professional development opportunities for special education  
42 educators and school administrators.

43 5. Developing a parent guidebook on assessments for students with  
44 special needs.

1           C. On or before December 1, 2020, the alternative assessment study  
2 committee shall submit a report of its findings, conclusions and  
3 recommendations to the governor, the superintendent of public instruction,  
4 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the  
5 senate and submit a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

6           D. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2021.