CHAPTER 209
SENATE BILL 1327

AN ACT
REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH AN ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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

Section 1. Alternative assessment advisory committee; membership; duties; annual update; repeal

A. The department of education shall establish an alternative assessment advisory committee consisting of the superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee and at least the following members who are appointed by the department in coordination with the state board of education:

1. A special education director.
2. A special education teacher.
3. A representative of a charter school in this state.
4. A rural representative.
5. A tribal community representative.
6. A school district superintendent.
7. A parent.
8. A representative of a nonprofit organization that strengthens families and systems of care to improve outcomes for children with disabilities and special health care needs.

B. The advisory committee shall do all of the following:

1. Consider the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the alternative assessment study committee established by Laws 2021, chapter 57.
2. Consider any item relating to alternative assessments and special education as the advisory committee deems necessary.
3. On or before June 30, 2022, provide an update on the alternative assessment advisory committee's progress to the alternative assessment study committee established by Laws 2021, chapter 57 in a public hearing.

C. The advisory committee shall provide an annual update on its progress to the senate education committee or the house of representatives education committee, or the respective successor committee, in a public hearing.

D. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2025.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity
This act applies retroactively to from and after November 22, 2021.

Sec. 3. Emergency
This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 29, 2022.