

Senate Engrossed

~~alternative assessment; special education~~
(now: alternative assessment study committee)

State of Arizona
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SENATE BILL 1028

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Alternative assessment study committee;
3 membership; duties; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The alternative assessment study committee is established
5 consisting of the following members:

6 1. Three members of the senate who are appointed by the president
7 of the senate, one of whom is a member of the minority party. The
8 president of the senate shall designate one of these members as the
9 chairperson of the study committee.

10 2. Three members of the house of representatives who are appointed
11 by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom is a member of
12 the minority party.

13 3. Two special education teachers who are appointed by the speaker
14 of the house of representatives.

15 4. Two parents of special education students who are appointed by
16 the president of the senate.

17 5. One school district superintendent or a school district
18 superintendent's designee who is appointed by the speaker of the house of
19 representatives.

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

22 7. The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's
23 designee.

24 B. The study committee shall discuss and evaluate all of the
25 following:

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

29 2. Accommodations provided to special education students while
30 taking assessments.

31 3. Guidance on properly identifying students for the alternative
32 assessment.

33 4. Professional development opportunities for special education
34 educators and school administrators.

35 5. Developing a parent guidebook on assessments for students with
36 special needs.

37 C. On or before December 1, 2021, the alternative assessment study
38 committee shall submit a report of its findings, conclusions and
39 recommendations to the governor, the superintendent of public instruction,
40 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
41 senate and submit a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

42 D. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2022.