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AN ACT

**AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-901.08; 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 9, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-901.08, to read:

4 15-901.08. Course equivalents; credits; calculation of
5 average daily membership; rules

6 A. BEGINNING IN THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
7 CHARTER SCHOOLS SERVING STUDENTS IN ANY OF GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE
8 SHALL ALLOW STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE TO RECEIVE COURSE
9 CREDITS THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

10 1. FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE OF A LEGAL AGE TO WORK, WORKING THE
11 EQUIVALENT OF AT LEAST FIVE HOURS PER WEEK OVER THE COURSE OF ANY
12 SEMESTER, INCLUDING SUMMER BREAK.

13 2. PARTICIPATING IN AN ORGANIZED SPORT. THE STATE BOARD OF
14 EDUCATION SHALL PRESCRIBE WHAT QUALIFIES AS AN ORGANIZED SPORT UNDER THIS
15 PARAGRAPH, EXCEPT THAT THE STATE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER BOTH OF THE
16 FOLLOWING TO BE ORGANIZED SPORTS UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH:

17 (a) OFF-CAMPUS LEAGUES.

18 (b) SPORTS THAT ARE NOT ORGANIZED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER
19 SCHOOL, INCLUDING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (i) SPORTS LEAGUES THAT ARE ORGANIZED BY FOR-PROFIT OR NONPROFIT
21 ORGANIZATIONS.

22 (ii) CLUB SPORTS.

23 (iii) ANY OTHER SPORTS LEAGUE THAT STUDENTS GENERALLY PARTICIPATE
24 IN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.

25 3. PARTICIPATING IN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF THE COURSES
26 OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL, INCLUDING TUTORING, STEM
27 CLUBS AND OTHER PROJECT-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, INTERNSHIPS AND
28 APPRENTICESHIPS AS APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE SCHOOL
29 DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "STEM"
30 HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-782.01.

31 4. PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY ARTS, INCLUDING MUSIC LESSONS AND
32 COMMUNITY THEATER.

33 5. ENROLLING IN AND PASSING ANY COURSE OFFERED BY ANY OF THE
34 FOLLOWING:

35 (a) A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
36 REGENTS.

37 (b) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1401.

38 (c) ANY PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE STATE
39 BOARD OF EDUCATION.

40 B. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 15-701.01, FOR EACH COURSE EQUIVALENT
41 COMPLETED UNDER SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, A STUDENT SHALL EARN THE
42 EQUIVALENT OF AT LEAST ONE CURRENTLY REQUIRED CORE OR ELECTIVE CREDIT THAT
43 COUNTS TOWARD THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-701.01.

44 C. A COURSE EQUIVALENT PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION
45 IS CONSIDERED A SUBJECT FOR THE PURPOSES OF MEETING THE DEFINITION OF A

1 FRACTIONAL STUDENT OR FULL-TIME STUDENT PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-901. A
2 COURSE EQUIVALENT PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION IS NOT
3 REQUIRED TO MEET ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE HOURS A YEAR, OR THE EQUIVALENT,
4 TO BE CONSIDERED A SUBJECT.

5 D. INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS PROVIDED TO A STUDENT WHO COMPLETES A COURSE
6 EQUIVALENT PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN
7 THE CALCULATION OF THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR THAT STUDENT PURSUANT
8 TO SECTION 15-901. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, FOR A FULL-TIME
9 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO COMPLETES A COURSE EQUIVALENT PURSUANT TO THIS
10 SECTION, THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP MAY NOT EXCEED 1.0.

11 E. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL:

12 1. ADOPT RULES TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

13 2. DESIGNATE APPROVED PROVIDERS OF COURSE EQUIVALENTS PRESCRIBED IN
14 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. ON APPROVAL BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
15 GOVERNING BOARD OR CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY, A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR
16 CHARTER SCHOOL MAY APPROVE ADDITIONAL PROVIDERS OF COURSE EQUIVALENTS THAT
17 ARE NOT APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. A LIST OF ALL APPROVED
18 COURSE PROVIDERS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO FAMILIES AND STUDENTS DURING THE
19 COURSE AND SEMESTER ENROLLMENT PERIODS.

20 F. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ADOPT RULES TO ALLOW
21 OUT-OF-SCHOOL EXPERIENCES PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPHS 2, 3 AND
22 4 OF THIS SECTION TO SATISFY THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS PRESCRIBED BY THE
23 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN SECTION 15-701 FOR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN
24 PROGRAMS AND GRADES ONE THROUGH EIGHT. ANY HOURS SPENT BY STUDENTS IN
25 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND GRADES ONE THROUGH EIGHT WHO PARTICIPATE IN
26 OUT-OF-SCHOOL EXPERIENCES PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPHS 2, 3 AND
27 4 OF THIS SECTION PURSUANT TO RULES ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF
28 EDUCATION UNDER THIS SECTION COUNT TOWARD THE INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS
29 REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-901 AND SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE
30 CALCULATION OF THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR THAT STUDENT PURSUANT TO
31 SECTION 15-901. ANY EXTRA HOURS IN THE SCHOOL DAY THAT RESULT FROM A
32 STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL EXPERIENCES UNDER THIS SECTION MAY
33 BE USED FOR STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACCELERATION ON APPROVAL OF THE STUDENT'S
34 PARENTS AND TEACHING TEAM.