Purpose

Excludes career technical education districts (CTEDs) from letter grade classifications assigned by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE).

Background

ADE must compile an annual achievement profile, by November 1, for each local education agency consisting of an educational dashboard reflecting achievement on academic and performance indicators and classifications based on an A through F letter grade system. A letter of grade A reflects an excellent level of performance and a letter grade of F reflects a failing level of performance (A.R.S. § 15-241).

Current statute directs ADE to develop annual achievement profiles for CTEDs based on developed CTED-specific criteria. CTED annual achievement profiles are required to include letter grade classifications along with the following indicators: 1) graduation rates; 2) completion rates; 3) performance assessment scores; and 4) postgraduation employment rates, postsecondary enrollment rates and military service rates of graduates. Additionally CTEDs are subject to performance audits by the Auditor General (A.R.S. § 15-393.01).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Directs ADE to exclude CTEDs from letter grade assignments.

2. Makes technical and conforming changes.

3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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