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**CHAPTER 11**  
**HOUSE BILL 2259**

AMENDING SECTION 15-951, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REPEALING LAWS 2007, CHAPTER 283, SECTION 6, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2010, CHAPTER 332, SECTION 28 AND LAWS 2016, CHAPTER 220, SECTION 1; REPEALING LAWS 2016, CHAPTER 220, SECTION 2; RELATING TO SCHOOL FINANCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-951, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-951. District additional assistance, district support  
5 level and student count for a common school  
6 district not within a high school district

7 A. Notwithstanding section 15-947, the revenue control limit for a  
8 common school district not within a high school district is the sum of the  
9 following:

10 1. The base revenue control limit computed as prescribed in section  
11 15-944 but excluding pupils admitted to another school district as  
12 provided in section 15-824, subsection A, paragraph 2.

13 2. The tuition payable for high school pupils who attend school in  
14 another school district as provided in section 15-824, subsection A,  
15 paragraph 2, including any transportation charge, except as provided in  
16 subsection F of this section.

17 3. The transportation revenue control limit for all pupils who  
18 reside in the district except those high school pupils transported by  
19 another district.

20 B. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, for the purposes  
21 of sections 15-481, 15-482 and 15-1102, the revenue control limit for a  
22 common school district not within a high school district is the sum of the  
23 following:

24 1. The base revenue control limit for pupils computed as prescribed  
25 in section 15-944 but excluding pupils admitted to another school district  
26 as provided in section 15-824, subsection A, paragraph 2.

27 2. The transportation revenue control limit for all pupils who  
28 reside in the district except those high school pupils transported by  
29 another district.

30 C. Notwithstanding section 15-961, district additional assistance  
31 for a common school district not within a high school district is district  
32 additional assistance as prescribed in section 15-961 but excluding pupils  
33 who are admitted to another school district as provided in section 15-824,  
34 subsection A, paragraph 2, except that if the school district transports  
35 high school pupils, the district additional assistance amount prescribed  
36 in section 15-961 shall be increased by an amount equal to fifty percent  
37 of the district additional assistance per pupil amount prescribed for the  
38 school district pursuant to section 15-961 multiplied by the number of  
39 high school pupils transported.

40 D. Notwithstanding section 15-947, the district support level for a  
41 common school district not within a high school district is the sum of the  
42 following:

43 1. The base support level computed as prescribed in section 15-943  
44 but excluding pupils who are admitted to another school district as  
45 provided in section 15-824, subsection A, paragraph 2.

1           2. The tuition payable for high school pupils who are admitted to  
2 another school district as provided in section 15-824, subsection A,  
3 paragraph 2, including any transportation charge, except as provided in  
4 subsection F of this section.

5           3. The transportation support level for all pupils who reside in  
6 the school district except those high school pupils transported by another  
7 school district.

8           E. For the purpose of determining eligibility to increase the  
9 revenue control limit and district support level, the student count for a  
10 common school district not within a high school district is the student  
11 count for pupils in kindergarten programs and grades one through twelve,  
12 including pupils enrolled in another school district as provided in  
13 section 15-824, subsection A, paragraph 2.

14           F. The tuition amount in subsections A and D of this section shall  
15 not include amounts per student count for bond issues as prescribed by  
16 section 15-824, subsection G, paragraph 1, subdivision (c) in excess of  
17 the following:

18           1. ~~One hundred fifty dollars~~ \$150 if the pupil's school district of  
19 residence pays tuition for seven hundred fifty or fewer pupils to other  
20 school districts.

21           2. ~~Two hundred dollars~~ \$200 if the pupil's school district of  
22 residence pays tuition for one thousand or fewer, but more than seven  
23 hundred fifty pupils to other school districts.

24           3. The actual cost per student count if the pupil's school district  
25 of residence pays tuition for more than one thousand pupils to other  
26 school districts.

27           G. A COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A  
28 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THAT WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS TO  
29 ESTABLISH A UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH BOUNDARIES COTERMINOUS WITH THE  
30 BOUNDARIES OF THE COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY CONTINUE CALCULATING ITS  
31 BUDGET AND EQUALIZATION ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR FIFTEEN  
32 YEARS AFTER THE ELECTION OR UNTIL A HIGH SCHOOL IS BUILT, WHICHEVER OCCURS  
33 FIRST.

34           H. A NEWLY FORMED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT MEETS THE  
35 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION G OF THIS SECTION AND THAT PHASES IN  
36 INSTRUCTION FOR PUPILS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE MAY CONTINUE  
37 CALCULATING ITS BUDGET AND EQUALIZATION ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS  
38 SECTION FOR A MAXIMUM OF FIVE YEARS AFTER THE FIRST YEAR OF THE OPERATION  
39 OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN THE NEWLY FORMED UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

40           I. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY  
41 RETROACTIVELY ADJUST ITS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 PURSUANT TO  
42 SUBSECTION G OR H OF THIS SECTION BUT MAY NOT RETROACTIVELY ADJUST ITS  
43 BUDGET FOR ANY OTHER FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION G OR H OF THIS  
44 SECTION.

1           Sec. 2. Repeal

2           A. Laws 2007, chapter 283, section 6, as amended by Laws 2010,  
3 chapter 332, section 28 and Laws 2016, chapter 220, section 1, is  
4 repealed.

5           B. Laws 2016, chapter 220, section 2 is repealed.

6           Sec. 3. Retroactivity

7           This act applies retroactively to from and after June 30, 2020.

8           Sec. 4. Emergency

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

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR FEBRUARY 12, 2021.

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