

House Engrossed Senate Bill  
schools; state aid; adjustment

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**CHAPTER 156**  
**SENATE BILL 1449**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-915, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL BUDGETS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-915, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-915. Correction of state aid or budget limit errors;  
5 definition

6 A. If the superintendent of public instruction determines that the  
7 calculation of state aid for a school district or charter school or the  
8 calculation of the school district's or charter school's budget limits  
9 within the previous three years did not conform with statutory  
10 requirements, the superintendent shall require correction of the errors as  
11 follows:

12 1. Corrections may be made in the current year or in the budget  
13 year, except that in case of hardship to the school district, the  
14 superintendent may approve corrections partly in one year and partly in  
15 the year after that year.

16 2. Errors in the calculation of state aid shall be corrected by  
17 increasing or decreasing the state aid to the school district or charter  
18 school in the year or years in which the correction is made.

19 3. Errors in the calculation of the school district's or charter  
20 school's budget limits shall be corrected at a public hearing by requiring  
21 the governing board to reduce or by allowing it to increase its budget by  
22 the amount of the correction to be made that year. Overbudgeting errors  
23 corrected as provided in this paragraph are exempt from section 15-905,  
24 subsections L and M. Not later than three days after the hearing and  
25 correction, the budget as revised shall be submitted electronically to the  
26 superintendent of public instruction. This paragraph ~~shall~~ DOES not ~~be~~  
27 ~~construed to~~ require a decrease in state aid THAT IS not otherwise  
28 required by paragraph 2 of this subsection.

29 B. Subject to the review by the joint legislative budget committee,  
30 the superintendent of public instruction shall adjust state aid for a  
31 school district in the current year if the governing board of a school  
32 district requests the recalculation of state aid for a prior year due to a  
33 change in assessed valuation that occurred as the result of ANY OF THE  
34 FOLLOWING:

35 1. A COURT judgment in accordance with section 42-16213.

36 2. A DECISION BY A COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
37 SECTION 42-16108.

38 3. A DECISION BY THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
39 SECTION 42-16162.

40 4. THE CORRECTION OF A PROPERTY TAX ERROR PURSUANT TO TITLE 42,  
41 CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE 6.

42 C. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, a school district  
43 or charter school may not make upward revisions to its average daily  
44 membership counts for a particular school year after June 30 of the  
45 subsequent school year.

1 D. For the purposes of this section, "state aid":  
2 1. For school districts, means state aid as determined in section  
3 15-971 and additional state aid as determined in section 15-972.  
4 2. For charter schools, means state aid as determined in section  
5 15-185.  
6 Sec. 2. Retroactivity  
7 This act applies retroactively to from and after June 30, 2019.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 30, 2021.

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