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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2325

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Purpose

Establishes September 11 as 9/11 Education Day, which is not a legal holiday, and requires each public school to dedicate a portion of the school day to age-appropriate education of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to develop a list of recommended resources for the purposes of 9/11 Education Day instruction.

Background

Statute prescribes holidays that are observed as legal or nonlegal holidays ([A.R.S. Title 1, Chapter 3](#)). The SBE must prescribe: 1) a minimum course of study incorporating the SBE-adopted academic standards to be taught in common schools and high schools; and 2) competency requirements for the promotion of pupils from third and eighth grades and the graduation of pupils from high school. The competency requirements must incorporate academic standards in at least the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies (A.R.S. §§ [15-701](#) and [15-701.01](#)).

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

Provisions

1. Designates September 11 of each year as 9/11 Education Day and specifies that 9/11 Education Day is not a legal holiday.
2. Directs each public school to dedicate a portion of the school day to age-appropriate education of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.
3. Specifies that if 9/11 Education Day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or other day when a public school is not in session, the holiday must be observed on the preceding or following school day in the public school.
4. Requires the SBE, for the purposes of 9/11 Education Day instruction, to:
 - a) develop a list of recommended resources relating to age-appropriate education that align with SBE-prescribed academic standards on the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001; and
 - b) establish a process that allows public schools to recommend resources to add to the SBE's list of recommended resources.
5. Allows the SBE to develop policies or adopt rules for the purposes of implementing 9/11 Education Day.

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6. Makes technical changes.
7. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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