

REFERENCE TITLE: career and college readiness; seal

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HB 2164

Introduced by
Representative Kaiser

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-262; RELATING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
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 2, article 3, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-262, to read:

4 15-262. State seal of career and college readiness program;
5 requirements; diploma

6 A. BEGINNING IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
7 PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL ESTABLISH A STATE SEAL OF CAREER AND COLLEGE
8 READINESS PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE FROM A SCHOOL
9 OPERATED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A CHARTER SCHOOL LOCATED IN THIS STATE
10 AND WHO HAVE ATTAINED A HIGH LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY IN PROFESSIONAL
11 WORKPLACE SKILLS AND TECHNICAL SKILLS IN ONE OR MORE DEPARTMENT OF
12 EDUCATION-APPROVED CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

13 B. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL:

14 1. CREATE A STATE SEAL OF CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS THAT SHALL
15 BE AFFIXED TO THE DIPLOMA AND NOTED ON THE TRANSCRIPT OF A STUDENT TO
16 RECOGNIZE THAT THE STUDENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE SEAL OF
17 CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS.

18 2. DELIVER THE STATE SEAL OF CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS TO EACH
19 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM.

20 C. ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY VOLUNTARILY
21 PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE SEAL OF CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM BY
22 NOTIFYING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL
23 DISTRICT'S OR CHARTER SCHOOL'S INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

24 D. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OR CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING
25 BODY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE STATE SEAL OF CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS
26 PROGRAM SHALL:

27 1. ANNUALLY IDENTIFY TO THE STATE DIRECTOR OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL
28 EDUCATION THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE SEAL OF
29 CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS.

30 2. AFFIX THE STATE SEAL OF CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS TO THE
31 DIPLOMA AND NOTE THE RECEIPT OF THE STATE SEAL OF CAREER AND COLLEGE
32 READINESS ON THE TRANSCRIPT OF EACH STUDENT WHO MEETS THOSE REQUIREMENTS.

33 E. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
34 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION DISTRICTS IN THIS
35 STATE, SHALL ADOPT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
36 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND MAY ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE
37 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

38 F. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE
39 STATE SEAL OF CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO
40 THIS SECTION SHALL AWARD A STUDENT, ON GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, A HIGH
41 SCHOOL DIPLOMA WITH A STATE SEAL OF CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS IF THE
42 STUDENT MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.