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schools; course equivalents

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SENATE BILL 1326

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-901.04; RELATING TO SCHOOL 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 9, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-901.04, to read:

4 15-901.04. Course equivalents; credits; calculation of
5 average daily membership; definition

6 A. BEGINNING IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND
7 CHARTER SCHOOLS SERVING STUDENTS IN ANY OF GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE AND
8 THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AT THE REQUEST OF
9 THE STUDENT AND WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE PARENT, MAY APPROVE COURSE
10 EQUIVALENTS THROUGH WHICH STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE RECEIVE
11 NO MORE THAN TWO ELECTIVE CREDITS TOTAL DURING GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE
12 THROUGH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

13 1. FOR STUDENTS OF LEGAL WORKING AGE ONLY, WORKING AT A JOB FOR AT
14 LEAST FIVE HOURS PER WEEK OVER THE COURSE OF ANY SEMESTER.

15 2. PARTICIPATING IN AN ORGANIZED SPORT, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

16 (a) OFF-CAMPUS LEAGUES.

17 (b) SPORTS THAT ARE NOT ORGANIZED BY THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR
18 THE DEAF AND THE BLIND OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL, INCLUDING
19 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (i) SPORTS LEAGUES THAT ARE ORGANIZED BY FOR-PROFIT OR NONPROFIT
21 ORGANIZATIONS.

22 (ii) CLUB SPORTS.

23 (iii) ANY OTHER SPORTS LEAGUE THAT STUDENTS GENERALLY PARTICIPATE
24 IN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.

25 (c) SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL SPORTS OR SPORTS ORGANIZED BY
26 THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND IN WHICH THE STUDENT
27 PARTICIPATES FOR A SEASON.

28 (d) ANY OTHER ACTIVITY PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

29 3. PARTICIPATING IN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE OF THE COURSES
30 OFFERED BY THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND OR THE
31 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL, INCLUDING STEM CLUBS AND OTHER
32 PROJECT-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, INTERNSHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS AS
33 APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR BY THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS
34 FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND OR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL. FOR
35 THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "STEM" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN
36 SECTION 15-782.01.

37 4. PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY ARTS, INCLUDING MUSIC LESSONS AND
38 COMMUNITY THEATER.

39 5. ENROLLING IN AND PASSING ANY COURSE OFFERED BY ANY OF THE
40 FOLLOWING:

41 (a) A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
42 REGENTS.

43 (b) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1401.

44 (c) ANY PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION APPROVED BY THE STATE
45 BOARD OF EDUCATION.

1 B. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 15-701.01, FOR EACH COURSE EQUIVALENT
2 APPROVED AND COMPLETED UNDER SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, A STUDENT SHALL
3 EARN THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE CURRENTLY REQUIRED ELECTIVE CREDIT THAT COUNTS
4 TOWARD THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-701.01.

5 C. A COURSE EQUIVALENT PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION
6 IS CONSIDERED A SUBJECT FOR THE PURPOSES OF MEETING THE DEFINITION OF A
7 FRACTIONAL STUDENT OR FULL-TIME STUDENT PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-901. A
8 COURSE EQUIVALENT PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED
9 TO MEET ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE HOURS A YEAR, OR THE EQUIVALENT, TO BE
10 CONSIDERED A SUBJECT.

11 D. INSTRUCTIONAL HOURS PROVIDED TO A STUDENT WHO COMPLETES AN
12 APPROVED COURSE EQUIVALENT PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION
13 SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP FOR
14 THAT STUDENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-901. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY
15 LAW, FOR A FULL-TIME HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHO COMPLETES AN APPROVED COURSE
16 EQUIVALENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP MAY NOT
17 EXCEED 1.0.

18 E. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL:

19 1. ADOPT A FRAMEWORK FOR SCHOOLS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

20 2. AS PROVIDED BY THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE
21 BLIND AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS, POST A LIST OF LOCAL OR
22 STATEWIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND VENDORS WHERE STUDENTS'
23 OUT-OF-SCHOOL EXPERIENCES MAY BE RECOGNIZED FOR CREDIT.

24 F. THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND AND EACH
25 PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD AND PARTICIPATING CHARTER
26 SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY MAY ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO APPROVE REQUESTS FOR
27 COURSE EQUIVALENT CREDIT AT THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE
28 BLIND, AT THE CHARTER SCHOOL OR AT A SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

29 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ELECTIVE CREDIT" MEANS A
30 CREDIT EARNED FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING AN ADDITIONAL COURSE THAT IS NOT
31 A CORE COURSE PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO
32 SECTION 15-701.01.