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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-249.19; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(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 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-249.19, to read:
4 15-249.19. Certificated electronic copies of high school
5 diplomas; central database; fees; definition
6 A. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A
7 COMPUTERIZED DATABASE CONTAINING CERTIFICATED ELECTRONIC COPIES OF EACH
8 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ISSUED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL OR
9 ACCOMMODATION SCHOOL IN THIS STATE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026. EACH COPY
10 OF A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THAT IS MAINTAINED IN THE DATABASE PURSUANT TO
11 THIS SUBSECTION MUST BE CONVERTIBLE TO A PORTABLE DOCUMENT FORMAT AND
12 INCLUDE ALL INFORMATION THAT WAS INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL HIGH SCHOOL
13 DIPLOMA.
14 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRESCRIBE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR
15 ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO EARNED A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1,
16 2026 TO REQUEST A CERTIFICATED ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S HIGH
17 SCHOOL DIPLOMA FROM THE DATABASE. THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE A COPY OF A
18 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION ONLY TO THE INDIVIDUAL TO
19 WHOM THE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA WAS ISSUED. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS
20 SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO REQUESTS A
21 COPY OF A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THROUGH THE DATABASE TO SUBMIT PROOF OF THE
22 INDIVIDUAL'S IDENTITY.
23 C. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ESTABLISH AND COLLECT FEES FOR PRODUCING A
24 CERTIFICATED ELECTRONIC COPY OF A DIPLOMA FROM THE DATABASE PURSUANT TO
25 THIS SECTION.
26 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA" INCLUDES
27 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-701.01 AND CHAPTER 7,
28 ARTICLE 6 OF THIS TITLE.