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Senator Bennett

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-182, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

Section 1. Section 15-182, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-182. State board for charter schools; membership; terms; compensation; duties

A. The state board for charter schools is established consisting of the following members:

1. The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.

2. Five members of the general public, ~~WHO ARE APPOINTED AS~~ **FOLLOWS:**

(a) ~~At least~~ Two ~~of whom~~ **MEMBERS WHO** reside in a school district where at least sixty percent of the children who attend school in the district meet the eligibility requirements established under the national school lunch and child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751 through 1785) for free lunches. ~~, and~~ **ONE OF THE MEMBERS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

(b) **ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.**

(c) **ONE MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

(d) ~~At least~~ One ~~of whom~~ **MEMBER WHO** resides on an Indian reservation, ~~AND~~ who ~~are~~ **IS** appointed by the governor pursuant to section 38-211.

3. Two members of the business community who are appointed by the governor pursuant to section 38-211.

4. A teacher who provides classroom instruction at a charter school and who is appointed by the governor pursuant to section 38-211.

5. An operator of a charter school who is appointed by the governor pursuant to section 38-211.

6. An operator of an alternative charter school, as recognized by the department of education as a school whose sole and clearly stated mission is to serve specific populations of at-risk students, who is appointed by the governor pursuant to section 38-211.

7. Three members of the legislature who serve as advisory members and who are appointed jointly by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives.

B. The superintendent of public instruction shall serve a term on the state board for charter schools that runs concurrently with the superintendent's term of office. The members appointed pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 7 of this section shall serve two-year terms on the state board for charter schools that begin and end on the third Monday in January and that run concurrently with their respective terms of office. Members appointed pursuant to subsection A, paragraphs 2, 3, 4, 5

1 and 6 of this section shall serve staggered four-year terms that begin and
2 end on the third Monday in January.

3 C. The state board for charter schools shall annually elect a
4 president and such other officers as it deems necessary from among its
5 membership.

6 D. Members of the state board for charter schools are not eligible
7 to receive compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses
8 pursuant to title 38, chapter 4, article 2.

9 E. The state board for charter schools shall:

10 1. Exercise general supervision over charter schools that are
11 sponsored by the board, recommend legislation pertaining to charter
12 schools to the legislature and adopt rules and policies that the board
13 deems necessary to accomplish the purposes prescribed in this section.

14 2. Grant charter status to qualifying applicants for charter
15 schools pursuant to section 15-183.

16 3. Adopt and use an official seal in the authentication of its
17 acts.

18 4. Keep a record of its proceedings.

19 5. Adopt rules for its own government.

20 6. Determine the policy of the board and the work undertaken by it.

21 7. Delegate to the superintendent of public instruction the
22 execution of board policies.

23 8. Prepare a budget for expenditures necessary for the proper
24 maintenance of the board and the accomplishment of its purpose.

25 F. The state board for charter schools may:

26 1. Contract.

27 2. Sue and be sued.

28 3. Use the services of the auditor general.

29 4. Subject to title 41, chapter 4, article 4 and legislative
30 appropriation, employ staff.

31 G. The state board for charter schools may accept gifts or grants
32 of monies or real or personal property from public and private
33 organizations, if the purpose of the gift or grant specified by the donor
34 is approved by the board and is within the scope of the board's powers and
35 duties. The board shall establish and administer a gift and grant fund
36 for the deposit of monies received pursuant to this subsection.