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HOUSE BILL 2585

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-816, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-816, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-816. Definitions

5 In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Nonresident pupil" means a pupil who resides in this state and
7 who is enrolled in or is seeking enrollment in a school district other
8 than the school district in which the pupil resides.

9 2. "Open enrollment" means a policy that is adopted and implemented
10 by a school district governing board to allow resident transfer pupils to
11 enroll in any school within the school district, to allow resident pupils
12 to enroll in any school located within other school districts in this
13 state and to allow nonresident pupils to enroll in any school within the
14 district pursuant to section 15-816.01.

15 3. "Resident pupil" means a pupil whose residence is within the
16 attendance area of a school.

17 4. "Resident school" means a school that is within the designated
18 attendance area in which a pupil resides.

19 5. "Resident transfer pupil" means EITHER:

20 (a) A resident pupil who is enrolled in or seeking enrollment in a
21 school that is within the school district but outside the attendance area
22 of the pupil's residence.

23 (b) A PUPIL WHOSE RESIDENCE IS LOCATED ON TRIBAL LAND AND OUTSIDE
24 OF THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WHO IS ENROLLED IN OR SEEKING
25 ENROLLMENT IN A SCHOOL THAT IS WITHIN ONE OF THE THREE CLOSEST SCHOOL
26 DISTRICTS TO THE PUPIL'S RESIDENCE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION,
27 THE CLOSEST SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE DETERMINED BY CALCULATING THE SHORTEST
28 DISTANCE FROM THE PUPIL'S RESIDENCE TO THE BOUNDARIES OF EACH SCHOOL
29 DISTRICT.

30 6. "TRIBAL LAND" MEANS LANDS OWNED OR HELD BY A FEDERALLY
31 RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE, NATION, BAND OR COMMUNITY AS RESERVATION LANDS,
32 ALLOTMENT LANDS OR SOVEREIGN OR PROPRIETARY LANDS OR IN ANY OTHER
33 CAPACITY.