

Senate Engrossed House Bill

Native American language; instruction; certification

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
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CHAPTER 117

HOUSE BILL 2895

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-701.05; RELATING TO PUBLIC 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 7, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-701.05, to read:

4 15-701.05. Native American language courses; high school
5 graduation requirement

6 A. IF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER
7 SCHOOL INCLUDES IN THE MINIMUM COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE GRADUATION OF
8 STUDENTS FROM HIGH SCHOOL PRESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-701.01 A
9 REQUIREMENT THAT STUDENTS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN A WORLD LANGUAGE, THE
10 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL ALLOW
11 STUDENTS TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT BY DEMONSTRATING PROFICIENCY IN A
12 NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE.

13 B. THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER
14 SCHOOL TO OFFER A NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE COURSE.

15 C. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR
16 EVALUATING THE NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OF STUDENTS.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 4, 2026.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JUNE 5, 2026.