

REFERENCE TITLE: Native American language; instruction; certification

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HB 2895

Introduced by
Representative Tsosie

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-249.20; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-501.02; 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 2, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-249.20, to read:

4 15-249.20. Native American language courses; grant program

5 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER A GRANT
6 PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PARTNER WITH FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN
7 TRIBES IN THIS STATE TO OFFER NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE COURSES TO
8 STUDENTS.

9 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 5, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
10 is amended by adding section 15-501.02, to read:

11 15-501.02. Native American language teaching certificate;
12 pathways support

13 THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
14 DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL SUPPORT CERTIFICATION PATHWAYS FOR
15 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE SEEKING TO OBTAIN A NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE
16 CERTIFICATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-501.01.

17 Sec. 3. Title 15, chapter 7, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
18 is amended by adding section 15-701.05, to read:

19 15-701.05. Native American language courses; high school
20 graduation requirement

21 IF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER
22 SCHOOL INCLUDES IN THE MINIMUM COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE GRADUATION OF
23 STUDENTS FROM HIGH SCHOOL PRESCRIBED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-701.01 A
24 REQUIREMENT THAT STUDENTS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, THE
25 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL ALLOW
26 STUDENTS TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT BY DEMONSTRATING PROFICIENCY IN A
27 NATIVE AMERICAN LANGUAGE.