

Senate Engrossed House Bill

Native American language; instruction; certification

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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# 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.