

REFERENCE TITLE: public schools; teachers; lunch breaks

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Introduced by
Senator Alston: Representatives Connolly, Sandoval

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-501.02; RELATING TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

(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 5, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-501.02, to read:
4 15-501.02. Teachers; lunch break; requirements; exception
5 A. EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THIS STATE SHALL PROVIDE EACH CERTIFICATED
6 TEACHER WHO IS A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL, INCLUDING
7 INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT THROUGH A THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR, WITH A DAILY LUNCH
8 BREAK THAT MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:
9 1. IS AT LEAST THIRTY CONSECUTIVE MINUTES.
10 2. IS NOT INCLUDED IN ANY DAILY PLANNING PERIOD OR NONINSTRUCTIONAL
11 TIME.
12 3. IS SCHEDULED DURING THE TEACHER'S REGULAR WORKDAY.
13 B. A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT:
14 1. INCREASE THE HOURS OF WORK FOR A TEACHER'S REGULAR WORKDAY
15 BECAUSE THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PROVIDES LUNCH BREAKS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
16 2. ASSIGN, REQUEST OR OTHERWISE REQUIRE THAT A TEACHER PERFORM ANY
17 OFFICIAL DUTIES, INCLUDING ANY SUPERVISORY OR INSTRUCTIONAL DUTY, DURING
18 THE LUNCH BREAK THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PROVIDES TO THE TEACHER PURSUANT TO
19 THIS SECTION.
20 C. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SECTION, IF A
21 PUBLIC SCHOOL HAS AN EMERGENCY PERSONNEL SHORTAGE, THE PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY
22 ASSIGN OFFICIAL DUTIES TO A CERTIFICATED TEACHER DURING THE TEACHER'S
23 LUNCH BREAK FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE DAY PER WEEK. AN ASSIGNMENT PURSUANT TO
24 THIS SUBSECTION MUST BE TEMPORARY.