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House Passes Representative Cook's Bill Empowering Local School Boards to Act When District Leadership Fails Students

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The Arizona House of Representatives late Tuesday passed a bill sponsored by State Representative David Cook that will give school district governing boards the authority to act to remove a failing superintendent in certain situations.

“HB 2291 is written to empower local school board members to make decisions that are best for their school districts while being able to protect their limited funding for education that they control,” said Representative Cook. **“I’m glad to have bipartisan support for this legislation, because making sure that our schools are serving their students and parents is not a partisan matter – it’s something we all believe needs to happen.”**

[HB 2291](#) allows a local governing board to rescind or terminate any employment contract between a superintendent and a school district if it is determined by that the superintendent violated governing board policy, or if one or more schools have been assigned a “D” or “F” letter grade for at least three years. The bill specifies that if a governing board terminates an employment contract, the superintendent is not entitled to recover damages or compensation for the remainder of the contract’s employment term. Moreover, the bill would only apply to future employment contracts.

HB 2291 previously passed the House Education Committee with bipartisan support. It will now go to the Senate for consideration.

David Cook is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 7, which includes Pinal, Gila, Coconino, and Navajo Counties. He also serves as Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee. Follow him on Twitter at @RepDavidCook.

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