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CHAPTER 159

SENATE BILL 1358

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-741, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PUPIL ASSESSMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-741, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-741. Assessment of pupils

5 A. The state board of education shall:

6 1. Adopt rules for purposes of this article pursuant to title 41,
7 chapter 6.

8 2. Adopt and implement an Arizona instrument to measure standards test
9 to measure pupil achievement of the state board adopted academic standards
10 in reading, writing and mathematics in at least four grades designated by the
11 board. The board shall determine the manner of implementation. The board
12 may administer assessments of the academic standards in social studies and
13 science. Prior to the administration of the tests to pupils and following
14 the statewide piloting of the tests, the board shall approve, at a public
15 meeting, the Arizona instrument to measure standards test.

16 3. Adopt and implement a statewide nationally standardized
17 norm-referenced achievement test for ~~grades three through twelve~~ in reading,
18 language arts and mathematics, except that the superintendent of public
19 instruction may determine the ADDITIONAL grade levels for which pupils are
20 tested. The tests shall be consistent with the state standards and shall be
21 administered during the spring of each year between ~~April 1~~ MARCH 15 and May
22 1.

23 4. Ensure that the tests prescribed in this section are uniform
24 throughout the state.

25 5. Ensure that the tests prescribed in this section are able to be
26 scored in an objective manner and that the tests are not intended to advocate
27 any sectarian, partisan or denominational viewpoint.

28 6. Ensure that the results of the nationally standardized
29 norm-referenced achievement tests established as provided in this article are
30 comparable to associated grade equivalents, percentiles and stanines derived
31 from a multistate sample.

32 7. Include within its budget all costs pertaining to the tests
33 prescribed in this article. If sufficient monies are appropriated, the state
34 board may provide norm-referenced achievement test services to school
35 districts which request assistance in testing pupils in grades additional to
36 those required by this section.

37 8. Use subtests of the statewide nationally standardized
38 norm-referenced achievement test as designated by the state board to assess
39 pupils in reading, language arts and mathematics, at a level appropriate for
40 their grade level.

41 9. Survey teachers, principals and superintendents on achievement
42 related nontest indicators, including information on graduation rates by
43 ethnicity and dropout rates by ethnicity for each grade level. ~~Prior to~~
44 BEFORE the survey, the state board of education shall approve at a public
45 meeting the nontest indicators on which data will be collected. In

1 conducting the survey and collecting data, the state board of education shall
2 not violate the provisions of the family educational rights and privacy act
3 (P.L. 93-380), as amended, nor disclose personally identifiable information.

4 10. Establish a fair and consistent method and standard by which
5 norm-referenced test scores from schools in a district may be evaluated
6 taking into consideration demographic data. The board shall establish
7 intervention strategies to assist schools with scores below the acceptable
8 standard. The board shall annually review district and school scores and
9 shall offer assistance to school districts in analyzing data and implementing
10 intervention strategies. The board shall use the adopted norm-referenced
11 test and methods of data evaluation for a period of at least ten years.

12 11. Participate in other assessments that provide national comparisons
13 as needed.

14 B. The standardized norm-referenced achievement tests adopted by the
15 state board as provided in subsection A shall be given annually. The tests
16 shall be administered over a one week period between ~~April~~ MARCH 15 and May
17 1. Nontest indicator data and other information shall be collected at the
18 same time as the collection of standardized norm-referenced achievement test
19 data.

20 C. Local school district governing boards shall:

21 1. Administer the tests prescribed in subsection A.

22 2. Survey teachers, principals and superintendents on achievement
23 related nontest indicator data as required by the state board including
24 information related to district graduation and dropout rates. In conducting
25 the survey and collecting data, the governing board shall not violate the
26 provisions of the family educational rights and privacy act (P.L. 93-380),
27 as amended, nor disclose personally identifiable information.

28 D. A test for penmanship shall not be required pursuant to this
29 article.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 19, 2001.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 20, 2001.

Passed the House April 10, 20 01,

by the following vote: 57 Ayes,

0 Nays, 3 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate February 19, 20 01,

by the following vote: 28 Ayes,

0 Nays, 2 Not Voting

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

 day of , 20 ,

at o'clock M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this day of

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at o'clock M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

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Secretary of State

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SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE
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by the following vote: 23 Ayes,

5 Nays, 2 Not Voting

Richard Smith
President of the Senate
Charmine Bellington
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This Bill was received by the Governor this

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Sandra Ramirez
Secretary to the Governor

APPROVED THIS 19 day of

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Janice Healy
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

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Patricia Boyle
Secretary of State

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