

State of Arizona  
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CHAPTER 381

# SENATE BILL 1483

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-502, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-502, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-502. Employment of school district personnel; payment of  
5 wages of discharged employee

6 A. The governing board may at any time employ and fix the salaries and  
7 benefits of employees necessary for the succeeding year. The contracts of  
8 all certificated employees shall be in writing, and all employees shall be  
9 employed subject to the provisions of section 38-481. THE GOVERNING BOARD  
10 MAY OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF ANY EMPLOYEE, INCLUDING TEACHERS, SUBSTITUTE  
11 TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, BY CONTRACTING WITH A PRIVATE ENTITY THAT  
12 EMPLOYS PERSONNEL REQUIRED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

13 B. A teacher shall not be employed if the teacher has not received a  
14 certificate for teaching granted by the proper authorities. If a teacher has  
15 filed an application and completed all of the requirements for a certificate  
16 but time does not allow a teacher to receive a certificate before the  
17 commencement of employment, the conditional certificate shall serve as a  
18 certificate for the payment of wages, provided that the teacher files the  
19 conditional certificate with the county school superintendent and the  
20 certificate is issued within three months of the date of commencing  
21 employment. In order to be paid wages beyond the three month period  
22 prescribed in this subsection, the teacher shall file the certificate with  
23 the county school superintendent. Any contract issued to a teacher who has  
24 completed certificate requirements but has not received a certificate shall  
25 be specifically contingent upon receipt of such a certificate. The governing  
26 board of a school district that is subject to section 15-914.01 shall adhere  
27 to the duties described in section 15-302, paragraph 9 for purposes of this  
28 subsection.

29 C. No dependent, as defined in section 43-1001, of a governing board  
30 member may be employed in the school district in which the person to whom  
31 such dependent is so related is a governing board member, except by consent  
32 of the board.

33 D. The governing board may employ certificated teachers under contract  
34 as part-time classroom teachers. Notwithstanding any other statute, a  
35 certificated teacher who has been employed by the school district for more  
36 than the major portion of three consecutive school years does not lose the  
37 entitlement to the procedures prescribed in sections 15-538.01, 15-539  
38 through 15-544 and 15-547 if the teacher is employed under contract on a  
39 part-time basis for at least forty per cent time. As used in this  
40 subsection, "forty per cent time" means employed for at least forty per cent  
41 of the school day required of full-time teachers of the same grade level or  
42 for at least forty per cent of the class load assigned to full-time teachers  
43 of the same grade level, as determined by the governing board.

1 E. Notwithstanding sections 23-351 and 23-353, if an employee is  
2 discharged from the service of a school district, the school district shall  
3 pay the wages due to the employee within ten calendar days from the date of  
4 discharge.

5 F. Each school district shall establish policies and procedures to  
6 provide teachers with personal liability insurance.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 8, 2001.

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Passed the House April 09, 2001,

by the following vote: 35 Ayes,

23 Nays, 2 Not Voting

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Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate February 19, 2001,

by the following vote: 21 Ayes,

7 Nays, 2 Not Voting

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

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

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11 Nays, 3 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

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Secretary to the Governor

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
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