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CHAPTER 279

SENATE BILL 1309

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-341, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS.

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-341, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-341. General powers and duties; immunity; delegation

5 A. The governing board shall:

6 1. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures for the governance of
7 the schools, not inconsistent with law or rules prescribed by the state board
8 of education.

9 2. Maintain the schools established by it for the attendance of each
10 pupil for a period of not less than one hundred seventy-five school days or
11 two hundred school days, as applicable, or its equivalent as approved by the
12 superintendent of public instruction for a school district operating on a
13 year-round operation basis, to offer an educational program on the basis of a
14 four day school week or to offer an alternative kindergarten program on the
15 basis of a three day school week, in each school year, and if the funds of
16 the district are sufficient, for a longer period, and as far as practicable
17 with equal rights and privileges.

18 3. Exclude from schools all books, publications, papers or audiovisual
19 materials of a sectarian, partisan or denominational character.

20 4. Manage and control the school property within its district.

21 5. Acquire school furniture, apparatus, equipment, library books and
22 supplies for the use of the schools.

23 6. Prescribe the curricula and criteria for the promotion and
24 graduation of pupils as provided in sections 15-701 and 15-701.01.

25 7. Furnish, repair and insure, at full insurable value, the school
26 property of the district.

27 8. Construct school buildings on approval by a vote of the district
28 electors.

29 9. Make in the name of the district conveyances of property belonging
30 to the district and sold by the board.

31 10. Purchase school sites when authorized by a vote of the district at
32 an election conducted as nearly as practicable in the same manner as the
33 election provided in section 15-481 and held on a date prescribed in section
34 15-491, subsection E, but such authorization shall not necessarily specify
35 the site to be purchased and such authorization shall not be necessary to
36 exchange unimproved property as provided in section 15-342, paragraph 23.

37 11. Construct, improve and furnish buildings used for school purposes
38 when such buildings or premises are leased from the national park service.

39 12. Purchase school sites or construct, improve and furnish school
40 buildings from the proceeds of the sale of school property only on approval
41 by a vote of the district electors.

42 13. Hold pupils to strict account for disorderly conduct on school
43 property.

1 14. Discipline students for disorderly conduct on the way to and from
2 school.

3 15. Except as provided in section 15-1224, deposit all monies received
4 by the district as gifts, grants and devises with the county treasurer who
5 shall credit the deposits as designated in the uniform system of financial
6 records. If not inconsistent with the terms of the gifts, grants and devises
7 given, any balance remaining after expenditures for the intended purpose of
8 the monies have been made shall be used for reduction of school district
9 taxes for the budget year, except that in the case of accommodation schools
10 the county treasurer shall carry the balance forward for use by the county
11 school superintendent for accommodation schools for the budget year.

12 16. Provide that, if a parent or legal guardian chooses not to accept a
13 decision of the teacher as provided in section 15-521, paragraph 3, the
14 parent or legal guardian may request in writing that the governing board
15 review the teacher's decision. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed
16 to release school districts from any liability relating to a child's
17 promotion or retention.

18 17. Provide for adequate supervision over pupils in instructional and
19 noninstructional activities by certificated or noncertificated personnel.

20 18. Use school monies received from the state and county school
21 apportionment exclusively for payment of salaries of teachers and other
22 employees and contingent expenses of the district.

23 19. Make an annual report to the county school superintendent on or
24 before October 1 each year in the manner and form and on the blanks
25 prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction or county school
26 superintendent. The board shall also make reports directly to the county
27 school superintendent or the superintendent of public instruction whenever
28 required.

29 20. Deposit all monies received by school districts other than student
30 activities monies or monies from auxiliary operations as provided in sections
31 15-1125 and 15-1126 with the county treasurer to the credit of the school
32 district except as provided in paragraph 21 of this subsection and sections
33 15-1223 and 15-1224, and the board shall expend the monies as provided by law
34 for other school funds.

35 21. Establish a bank account in which the board may during a month MAY
36 deposit miscellaneous monies received directly by the district. The board
37 shall remit monies deposited in the bank account at least monthly to the
38 county treasurer for deposit as provided in paragraph 20 of this subsection
39 and in accordance with the uniform system of financial records.

40 22. Employ an attorney admitted to practice in this state whose
41 principal practice is in the area of commercial real estate, or a real estate
42 broker who is licensed by this state and who is employed by a reputable
43 commercial real estate company, to negotiate a lease of five or more years
44 for the school district if the governing board decides to enter into a lease
45 of five or more years as lessor of school buildings or grounds as provided in

1 section 15-342, paragraph 7 or 10. Any lease of five or more years
2 negotiated pursuant to this paragraph shall provide that the lessee is
3 responsible for payment of property taxes pursuant to the requirements of
4 section 42-11104.

5 23. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures for disciplinary
6 action against a teacher who engages in conduct ~~which~~ THAT is a violation of
7 the policies of the governing board but ~~which~~ THAT is not cause for dismissal
8 of the teacher or for revocation of the certificate of the teacher.
9 Disciplinary action may include suspension without pay for a period of time
10 not to exceed ten school days. Disciplinary action shall not include
11 suspension with pay or suspension without pay for a period of time longer
12 than ten school days. The procedures shall include notice, hearing and
13 appeal provisions for violations ~~which~~ THAT are cause for disciplinary
14 action. The governing board may designate a person or persons to act on
15 behalf of the board on these matters.

16 24. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures for disciplinary
17 action against an administrator who engages in conduct ~~which~~ THAT is a
18 violation of the policies of the governing board regarding duties of
19 administrators but ~~which~~ THAT is not cause for dismissal of the administrator
20 or for revocation of the certificate of the administrator. Disciplinary
21 action may include suspension without pay for a period of time not to exceed
22 ten school days. Disciplinary action shall not include suspension with pay
23 or suspension without pay for a period of time longer than ten school days.
24 The procedures shall include notice, hearing and appeal provisions for
25 violations ~~which~~ THAT are cause for disciplinary action. The governing board
26 may designate a person or persons to act on behalf of the board on these
27 matters. For violations ~~which~~ THAT are cause for dismissal, the provisions
28 of notice, hearing and appeal in chapter 5, article 3 of this title shall
29 apply. The filing of a timely request for a hearing suspends the imposition
30 of a suspension without pay or a dismissal pending completion of the hearing.

31 25. Notwithstanding section 13-3108, prescribe and enforce policies and
32 procedures that prohibit a person from carrying or possessing a weapon on
33 school grounds unless the person is a peace officer or has obtained specific
34 authorization from the school administrator.

35 26. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures relating to the
36 health and safety of all pupils participating in district sponsored practice
37 sessions, games or other interscholastic athletic activities, including the
38 provision of water. A school district and its employees are immune from
39 civil liability for the consequences of the good faith adoption and
40 implementation of policies and procedures pursuant to this paragraph.

41 27. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures regarding the smoking
42 of tobacco within school buildings. The policies and procedures shall be
43 adopted in consultation with school district personnel and members of the
44 community and shall state whether smoking is prohibited in school buildings.
45 If smoking in school buildings is not prohibited, the policies and procedures

1 shall clearly state the conditions and circumstances under which smoking is
2 permitted, those areas in a school building which THAT may be designated as
3 smoking areas and those areas in a school building which THAT may not be
4 designated as smoking areas.

5 28. Establish an assessment, data gathering and reporting system as
6 prescribed in chapter 7, article 3 of this title.

7 29. Provide special education programs and related services pursuant to
8 section 15-764, subsection A to all children with disabilities as defined in
9 section 15-761.

10 30. Administer competency tests prescribed by the state board of
11 education for the graduation of pupils from high school.

12 31. Secure insurance coverage for all construction projects for
13 purposes of general liability, property damage and workers' compensation and
14 secure performance and payment bonds for all construction projects.

15 32. Keep on file the resumes of all current and former employees who
16 provide instruction to pupils at a school. Resumes shall include an
17 individual's educational and teaching background and experience in a
18 particular academic content subject area. A school district shall inform
19 parents and guardians of the availability of the resume information and shall
20 make the resume information available for inspection on request of parents
21 and guardians of pupils enrolled at a school. Nothing in this paragraph
22 shall be construed to require any school to release personally identifiable
23 information in relation to any teacher or employee including the teacher's or
24 employee's address, salary, social security number or telephone number.

25 33. Report to local law enforcement agencies any suspected crime
26 against a person or property that is a serious offense as defined in section
27 13-604 or that involves a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument or serious
28 physical injury and any conduct that poses a threat of death or serious
29 physical injury to employees, students or anyone on the property of the
30 school. A school district and its employees are immune from liability for
31 any good faith actions taken in furtherance of this paragraph. This
32 paragraph does not limit or preclude the reporting by a school district or an
33 employee of a school district of suspected crimes other than those required
34 to be reported by this paragraph. For the purposes of this paragraph,
35 "dangerous instrument", "deadly weapon" and "serious physical injury" have
36 the same meaning prescribed in section 13-105.

37 34. In conjunction with local law enforcement agencies and local
38 medical facilities, develop an emergency response plan for each school in the
39 school district in accordance with minimum standards developed jointly by the
40 department of education and the division of emergency management within the
41 department of emergency and military affairs.

42 35. Annually assign at least one school district employee to
43 participate in a multihazard crisis training program developed or selected by
44 the governing board.

1 36. Provide written notice to the parents or guardians of all students
2 affected in the school district at least thirty days prior to a public
3 meeting to discuss closing a school within the school district. The notice
4 shall include the reasons for the proposed closure and the time and place of
5 the meeting. The governing board shall fix a time for a public meeting on
6 the proposed closure no less than thirty days before voting in a public
7 meeting to close the school. The school district governing board shall give
8 notice of the time and place of the meeting. At the time and place
9 designated in the notice, the school district governing board shall hear
10 reasons for or against closing the school. The school district governing
11 board is exempt from ~~the provisions of~~ this paragraph if it is determined by
12 the governing board that the school shall be closed because it poses a danger
13 to the health or safety of the pupils or employees of the school.

14 37. Incorporate instruction on Native American history into appropriate
15 existing curricula.

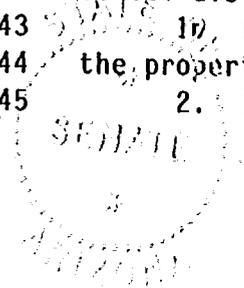
16 38. PRESCRIBE AND ENFORCE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ALLOWING PUPILS WHO
17 HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ANAPHYLAXIS BY A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LICENSED
18 PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 13, 14, 17 OR 25 OR BY A REGISTERED NURSE
19 PRACTITIONER LICENSED AND CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 15 TO CARRY
20 AND SELF-ADMINISTER EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS INCLUDING AUTO-INJECTABLE
21 EPINEPHRINE WHILE AT SCHOOL AND AT SCHOOL SPONSORED ACTIVITIES. THE PUPIL'S
22 NAME ON THE PRESCRIPTION LABEL ON THE MEDICATION CONTAINER OR ON THE
23 MEDICATION DEVICE AND ANNUAL WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION FROM THE PUPIL'S PARENT OR
24 GUARDIAN TO THE SCHOOL THAT AUTHORIZES POSSESSION AND SELF-ADMINISTRATION IS
25 SUFFICIENT PROOF THAT THE PUPIL IS ENTITLED TO THE POSSESSION AND
26 SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEDICATION. THE POLICIES SHALL REQUIRE A PUPIL
27 WHO USES AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE WHILE AT SCHOOL AND AT SCHOOL SPONSORED
28 ACTIVITIES TO NOTIFY THE NURSE OR THE DESIGNATED SCHOOL STAFF PERSON OF THE
29 USE OF THE MEDICATION AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. A SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS
30 EMPLOYEES ARE IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO ALL DECISIONS MADE
31 AND ACTIONS TAKEN THAT ARE BASED ON GOOD FAITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
32 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH, EXCEPT IN CASES OF WANTON OR WILFUL NEGLIGENCE.

33 B. Notwithstanding subsection A, paragraphs 8, 10 and 12 of this
34 section, the county school superintendent may construct, improve and furnish
35 school buildings or purchase or sell school sites in the conduct of an
36 accommodation school.

37 C. If any school district acquires real or personal property, whether
38 by purchase, exchange, condemnation, gift or otherwise, the governing board
39 shall pay to the county treasurer any taxes on the property that were unpaid
40 as of the date of acquisition, including penalties and interest. The lien
41 for unpaid delinquent taxes, penalties and interest on property acquired by a
42 school district:

43 1. Is not abated, extinguished, discharged or merged in the title to
44 the property.

45 2. Is enforceable in the same manner as other delinquent tax liens.



1 D. The governing board may not locate a school on property that is
2 less than one-fourth mile from agricultural land regulated pursuant to
3 section 3-365, except that the owner of the agricultural land may agree to
4 comply with the buffer zone requirements of section 3-365. If the owner
5 agrees in writing to comply with the buffer zone requirements and records the
6 agreement in the office of the county recorder as a restrictive covenant
7 running with the title to the land, the school district may locate a school
8 within the affected buffer zone. The agreement may include any stipulations
9 regarding the school, including conditions for future expansion of the school
10 and changes in the operational status of the school that will result in a
11 breach of the agreement.

12 E. A school district's governing board members and its school council
13 members are immune from civil liability for the consequences of adoption and
14 implementation of policies and procedures pursuant to subsection A of this
15 section and section 15-342. This waiver does not apply if the school
16 district's governing board members or its school council members are guilty
17 of gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

18 F. A governing board may delegate in writing to a superintendent,
19 principal or head teacher the authority to prescribe procedures that are
20 consistent with the governing board's policies.

21 G. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a school
22 district governing board shall not take any action that would result in an
23 immediate reduction or a reduction within three years of pupil square footage
24 that would cause the school district to fall below the minimum adequate gross
25 square footage requirements prescribed in section 15-2011, subsection C,
26 unless the governing board notifies the school facilities board established
27 by section 15-2001 of the proposed action and receives written approval from
28 the school facilities board to take the action. A reduction includes an
29 increase in administrative space that results in a reduction of pupil square
30 footage or sale of school sites or buildings, or both. A reduction includes
31 a reconfiguration of grades that results in a reduction of pupil square
32 footage of any grade level. This subsection does not apply to temporary
33 reconfiguration of grades to accommodate new school construction if the
34 temporary reconfiguration does not exceed one year. The sale of equipment
35 that results in an immediate reduction or a reduction within three years that
36 falls below the equipment requirements prescribed in section 15-2011,
37 subsection B is subject to commensurate withholding of school district
38 capital outlay revenue limit monies pursuant to the direction of the school
39 facilities board. Except as provided in section 15-342, paragraph 10,
40 proceeds from the sale of school sites, buildings or other equipment shall be
41 deposited in the school plant fund as provided in section 15-1102.

42 H. Subsections C through G of this section apply to a county board of
43 supervisors and a county school superintendent when operating and
44 administering an accommodation school.

1 I. Until the state board of education and the auditor general adopt
2 rules pursuant to section 15-213, subsection J, a school district may procure
3 construction services, including services for new school construction
4 pursuant to section 15-2041, by the construction-manager-at-risk,
5 design-build and job-order-contracting methods of project delivery as
6 provided in title 41, chapter 23, except that the rules adopted by the
7 director of the department of administration do not apply to procurements
8 pursuant to this subsection. Any procurement commenced pursuant to this
9 subsection may be completed pursuant to this subsection.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 11, 2005.

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by the following vote: 59 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 8, 2005,

by the following vote: 27 Ayes,

0 Nays, 3 Not Voting

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR**

This Bill was received by the Governor this

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at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

_____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

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**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**

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this _____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State

HOUSE FINAL PASSAGE
as per Joint Conference

Passed the House May 4, 2005,

by the following vote: 58 Ayes,

0 Nays, 2 Not Voting

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

SENATE FINAL PASSAGE
as per Joint Conference

Passed the Senate May 2, 2005,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor

this 5th day of May, 2005

at 3:45 o'clock P. M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 11 day of

May, 2005,

at 5:00 o'clock P. M.

Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

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at 9:16 o'clock A. M.

Secretary of State