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SENATE BILL 1551

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-308, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ACCOMMODATION SCHOOLS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

Section 1. Section 15-308, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-308. Providing educational services of an accommodation school

A. The county school superintendent may provide educational services of an accommodation school to the school districts in the county using the facilities of the accommodation school. The county school superintendent shall administer the program and shall develop a fiscal year budget according to the process specified for school districts.

B. A county may offer educational services to homeless children or alternative education programs as defined in section 15-796 through an accommodation school.

C. UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2010, THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL NOT PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-1001, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 5, WITHOUT AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT WHICH SHALL SET FORTH THE COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY, IF ANY, FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ACCOMMODATION SCHOOL BUDGET, ANY CONDITIONS RELATED TO THE EXPENDITURES AND ANY FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIRED OF THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT. THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BY APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR, ON THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT'S PLANS FOR THE PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION SCHOOL SERVICES FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR AND THE PROJECTED NUMBER OF STUDENTS AT EACH ACCOMMODATION SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT. BY JUNE 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SHALL PROVIDE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH ESTIMATED REVENUES FROM THE STATE AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY REQUEST.

Sec. 2. Joint legislative study committee on accommodation school district governance and financing; membership; duties; report

A. The joint legislative study committee on accommodation school district governance and financing is established and consists of:

1. Two members of the house of representatives who are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and who are members of different political parties.

2. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of the senate and who are members of different political parties.

3. The superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee.

4. A county school superintendent of a county with a county accommodation school district and with a population of more than seven hundred fifty thousand persons who is appointed by the president of the senate.

5. A county school superintendent of a county with a county accommodation school district with a population of less than seven hundred fifty thousand persons who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

6. One member who represents a county board of supervisors of a county with a county accommodation school district and a population of more than seven hundred fifty thousand persons who is appointed by the speaker of the house or representatives.

7. One member who represents a county board of supervisors of a county with a county accommodation school district and population of less than seven hundred fifty thousand persons who is appointed by the president of the senate.

8. One member who represents a county with an accommodation school district with taxing authority who is appointed by the speaker of the house.

9. A public member familiar with school financing and budgets who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

10. A public member familiar with statutes and regulations related to property taxes who is appointed by the president of the senate.

B. The study committee shall elect a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among its membership.

C. The study committee may use the services of legislative staff.

D. The study committee shall:

1. Review formation and operation of accommodation school districts in the counties and make recommendations concerning:

(a) Governance.

(b) Financing, including but not limited to funding for maintenance and operation, transportation and school construction.

2. Examine statutes relevant to the formation and operation of county accommodation school districts and make recommendations for statutory changes.

3. Submit a report that summarizes its finding and recommendations to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives on or before December 15, 2007. A copy of this report shall be delivered to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

Sec. 3. Delayed repeal

Section 2 of this act, relating to the joint legislative study committee on accommodation school district governance and financing, is repealed from and after December 31, 2007.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 18, 2006.

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