

Senate Engrossed House Bill

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State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-first Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2013

CHAPTER 148

# **HOUSE BILL 2496**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-215, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-215, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-215. Petition process for regulatory exemptions; annual  
5 report

6 A. Notwithstanding any other law, IF a school district OR CHARTER  
7 SCHOOL ~~that~~ has been assigned a letter grade of A pursuant to section 15-241  
8 ~~for~~ DURING AT LEAST TWO OUT OF THE LAST three consecutive years AND HAS NOT  
9 BEEN ASSIGNED A LETTER GRADE OF C, D OR F DURING THE SAME THREE YEARS and THE  
10 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL ~~that~~ does not have any schools ~~within the~~  
11 ~~school district~~ UNDER ITS CONTROL that have been assigned a letter grade of F  
12 pursuant to section 15-241 during the same three years, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
13 OR CHARTER SCHOOL may receive exemptions from statutes and rules as  
14 prescribed in this section.

15 B. If a school district OR CHARTER SCHOOL qualifies for an exemption  
16 pursuant to subsection A of this section, the school district OR CHARTER  
17 SCHOOL ON APPROVAL OF THE CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR may identify and submit  
18 exemptions to statutes and rules relating to schools, CHARTER SCHOOLS, SCHOOL  
19 DISTRICT governing boards, CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES and school  
20 districts to the state board of education for approval. The state board of  
21 education shall review and MAY approve the exemptions submitted by the school  
22 district OR CHARTER SCHOOL, except for those statutes and rules that the  
23 state board of education determines directly apply to the following, AS  
24 APPLICABLE:

- 25 1. Certification.
- 26 2. Health and safety.
- 27 3. State academic standards and assessments.
- 28 4. Requirements for the graduation of pupils from high school.
- 29 5. Special education.
- 30 6. Financial compliance and procurement requirements.
- 31 7. The school and school district accountability provisions of section  
32 15-241.

33 C. The state board of education may make adjustments to the list of  
34 exemptions submitted by school districts AND CHARTER SCHOOLS to comply with  
35 voter-approved mandates and federal law in the least restrictive manner  
36 allowed by law.

37 D. Exemptions previously issued by the state board of education  
38 pursuant to this section shall be immediately discontinued if a school  
39 district OR CHARTER SCHOOL falls below a ~~letter grade of A for three~~  
40 ~~consecutive years or is assigned a letter grade of C, D or F at any time~~ THE  
41 CRITERIA PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

42 E. The state board of education shall submit to the governor, the  
43 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives on or  
44 before December 1 of each year a report that includes a list of the  
45 exemptions submitted by school districts AND CHARTER SCHOOLS and a list of  
46 the exemptions that were denied by the state board. The state board shall  
47 provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL<sup>1</sup> 29, 2013.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 30, 2013.

Passed the House February 21, 2013

Passed the Senate April 22, 2013

by the following vote: 36 Ayes,

by the following vote: 21 Ayes,

23 Nays, 1 Not Voting

6 Nays, 3 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

[Signature]  
President of the Senate

[Signature]  
Chief Clerk of the House

[Signature]  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

           day of           , 20    

at            o'clock            M.

            
Secretary to the Governor

~~Approved this            day of~~

~~at            o'clock            M.~~

~~Governor of Arizona~~

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

~~this            day of           , 20~~

~~at            o'clock            M.~~

~~Secretary of State~~

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HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE  
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

April 24, 2013,

by the following vote: 34 Ayes,

22 Nays, 4 Not Voting

  
Speaker of the House

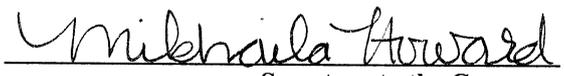
  
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

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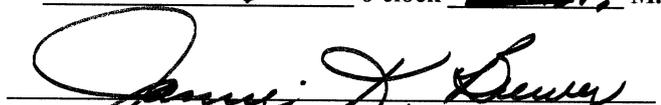
at 3:30 o'clock P M.

  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of

April, 2013,

at 5:16 o'clock ~~P~~ M.

  
Governor of Arizona

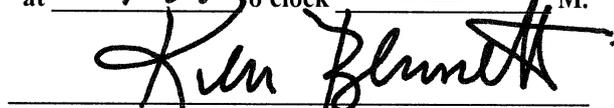
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This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013,

at 9:35 o'clock a M.

  
Secretary of State