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MICHELE REAGAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

CHAPTER 10

HOUSE BILL 2544

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-741.02; RELATING TO SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 7, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 15-741.02, to read:

4 15-741.02. Menu of locally procured achievement assessments:
5 requirements; rules

6 A. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A MENU OF LOCALLY PROCURED
7 ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS TO MEASURE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT OF THE STATE ACADEMIC
8 STANDARDS. BEGINNING IN THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH LOCAL EDUCATION
9 AGENCY THAT OFFERS INSTRUCTION IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE MAY SELECT FROM
10 THAT MENU AN ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT THAT IS LOCALLY PROCURED TO ADMINISTER TO
11 THE PUPILS IN ONE OR MORE SCHOOLS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE RULES AND PROCEDURES
12 OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THAT LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY INSTEAD OF THE
13 TEST TO MEASURE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
14 PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-741. BEGINNING IN THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR, EACH
15 LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY THAT OFFERS INSTRUCTION IN GRADES THREE THROUGH EIGHT
16 MAY SELECT FROM THAT MENU AN ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT THAT IS LOCALLY PROCURED
17 TO ADMINISTER TO THE PUPILS IN THAT LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY INSTEAD OF THE
18 TEST TO MEASURE PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
19 PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-741.

20 B. A LOCALLY PROCURED ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT IN USE BY A LOCAL
21 EDUCATION AGENCY THAT IS NOT ON THE MENU OF ASSESSMENTS MAY BE ADDED TO THE
22 MENU AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY AND APPROVAL BY THE STATE
23 BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL EVALUATE LOCALLY
24 PROCURED ASSESSMENTS NOT ON THE MENU PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ANNUALLY.

25 C. A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY THAT SELECTS A LOCALLY PROCURED
26 ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS
27 PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-741. THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY SHALL INCLUDE THE
28 NAME OF THE ASSESSMENT IT ADMINISTERS IN THE SCHOOL REPORT CARD REQUIRED IN
29 SECTION 15-746 AND ADMINISTER THE ASSESSMENT FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME
30 PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

31 D. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR
32 THE APPROVAL OF LOCALLY PROCURED ASSESSMENTS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE
33 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. ANY RULE OR
34 PROCEDURE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT REQUIRE A LOCAL
35 EDUCATION AGENCY TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL APPROVAL FROM THE STATE BOARD OF
36 EDUCATION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SELECT AN ASSESSMENT FROM THE
37 MENU OF ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION EXCEPT THAT A LOCAL EDUCATION
38 AGENCY ASSIGNED A LETTER GRADE OF D OR F PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-241 MAY NOT
39 CHOOSE AN ASSESSMENT FROM THE MENU AND SHALL CONTINUE TO USE THE STATEWIDE
40 ASSESSMENT ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION
41 15-741.

42 E. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL REQUIRE THAT THE PROVIDER OF A
43 LOCALLY PROCURED ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT THAT IS PROPOSED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR
44 THE MENU OF LOCALLY PROCURED ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENTS SHALL DO ALL OF THE
45 FOLLOWING:

1 1. PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THE ASSESSMENT IS A HIGH QUALITY ASSESSMENT.
2 2. DEMONSTRATE THAT THE ASSESSMENT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE STATE BOARD'S
3 ADOPTED ACADEMIC STANDARDS.

4 3. DEMONSTRATE THAT THE ASSESSMENT SCORES CAN BE EQUATED FOR STATE
5 ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRAMS INCLUDING ESTABLISHING COMPARABLE STUDENT ASSESSMENT
6 SCORES AND PERFORMANCE LEVELS FOR ACHIEVEMENT PROFILES AND LETTER GRADE
7 CLASSIFICATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-241.

8 4. SUBMIT AN EVALUATION FROM A THIRD PARTY APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD
9 OF EDUCATION THAT SHOWS THE ASSESSMENT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN
10 PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

11 5. PROVIDE A COPY OF ASSESSMENT SCORES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
12 WHEN SCORES ARE PROVIDED TO THEIR PARTNERING LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY.

13 Sec. 2. Report; menu of assessments; state board of education

14 The state board of education shall submit a report on or before
15 December 15, 2017 to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker
16 of the house of representatives and the chairs of the standing education
17 committees and provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state on the
18 progress of the implementation of the menu of assessments for local education
19 agencies that offer instruction in grades three through eight.

20 Sec. 3. Legislative intent

21 It is the intent of the legislature that the state allow local
22 education agencies to use assessments procured at the local level, if they
23 meet the requirements outlined in this act, in order to limit duplicative
24 testing and to save local resources currently spent administering multiple
25 assessments. If local learning goals and state accountability requirements
26 can be met with one assessment, the state should relieve students, teachers
27 and schools of unnecessary duplicative testing and maximize instructional
28 time.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 11, 2016.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 11, 2016.

Passed the House March 2, 20 16

Passed the Senate March 7, 20 16

by the following vote: 40 Ayes,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

18 Nays, 2 Not Voting

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]

Speaker of the House

Pro Tempore

[Signature]

Chief Clerk of the House

[Signature]

President of the Senate

[Signature]

Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

8th day of March, 20 16

at 2:48 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 11th day of

March

at 2:25 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 11 day of March, 20 16

at 3:56 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State

H.B. 2544



STATE OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS A. DUCEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

March 11, 2016

The Honorable Michele Reagan
Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington, 7th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Secretary Reagan:

Today, I enthusiastically signed H.B. 2544. H.B. 2544 makes Arizona the first state in the nation to give our public schools the choice to use the appropriate test that best aligns to their instructional models, curriculum, and rigorous learning concepts they expect their students to learn.

I want to thank Representative Boyer and Senator Allen for their leadership and their tireless effort on this bipartisan, consensus bill that allows teachers to spend more time teaching and less time giving duplicative tests.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

cc: The Honorable David Gowan
The Honorable Andy Biggs
The Honorable Paul Boyer
The Honorable Sylvia Allen