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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

March 24, 2020

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

Dear Secretary Hobbs:

I am transmitting to you the following bills from the Fifty-fourth Legislature, 2nd Regular Session, which I signed on March 24th, 2020:

H.B. 2494 internal revenue code; conformity (Toma)
H.B. 2625 civics celebration day; civics education (Bolick)
H.B. 2684 crisis management team; underperforming districts (Udall)
S.B. 1049 advisory council on aging (Brophy-McGee)
S.B. 1050 board of athletic training; continuation (Brophy-McGee)
S.B. 1052 homeopathic board; continuation (Brophy-McGee)
S.B. 1053 psychiatric security review board; continuation (Brophy-McGee)
S.B. 1054 psychology board; continuation (Brophy-McGee)
S.B. 1055 hard of hearing; commission; continuation (Brophy-McGee)
S.B. 1072 state board of investment; continuation (Leach)
S.B. 1128 joint legislative budget committee; continuation (Gowan)
S.B. 1130 auditor general; continuation. (Gray)
S.B. 1275 department of gaming; continuation (Ugenti-Rita)
S.B. 1293 DOI; DFI; omnibus (Livingston)
S.B. 1294 insurance and financial institutions; continuation (Mesnard)
S.B. 1295 department of revenue; continuation (Mesnard)
S.B. 1296 internal revenue code; conformity. (Mesnard)
S.B. 1297 legislative council; continuation (Fann)
S.B. 1331 self-insured employers; deviation continuation(Livingston)
S.B. 1348 tax corrections act of 2020 (Mesnard)
S.B. 1408 ombudsman-citizens aide; continuation; reports; assistants (Farnsworth, D.)
S.B. 1399 reviser's technical corrections; 2020 (Gray)

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor
State of Arizona

cc: Senate Secretary
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Arizona News Service

Senate Engrossed House Bill

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KATIE HOBBS
SECRETARY OF STATE

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
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CHAPTER 26
HOUSE BILL 2684

AN ACT

REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A CRISIS MANAGEMENT TEAM TO RECOMMEND NECESSARY CHANGES FOR PERSISTENTLY UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Department of education; crisis management team;
3 persistently underperforming school districts;
4 reporting requirements; implementation plans;
5 delayed repeal

6 A. The department of education shall establish a crisis management
7 team to recommend necessary changes for any persistently underperforming
8 school district prescribed pursuant to subsection C of this section to
9 meet the educational needs of the community in which the school district
10 is located. The crisis management team shall consist of all of the
11 following members who are appointed by the superintendent of public
12 instruction:

- 13 1. Department of education staff persons with expertise and
14 experience in school improvement.
- 15 2. An expert in tribal consultation and tribal affairs.
- 16 3. An expert in school improvement for rural schools.
- 17 4. An employee of the office of Indian education.
- 18 5. Other persons as deemed appropriate.

19 B. The crisis management team shall establish a work plan to
20 evaluate the local circumstances and needs of a school district prescribed
21 pursuant to subsection C of this section. The crisis management team
22 shall consult with tribal stakeholders, school district governing board
23 members, school district employees, community members, parents and other
24 relevant persons to determine all of the following:

- 25 1. The impediments to academic success.
- 26 2. Barriers to an effective school community, including
27 relationships between a school district and relevant community
28 stakeholders, including parents.
- 29 3. Specific changes that are needed to increase academic outcomes
30 and prevent teacher and staff turnover.
- 31 4. Outstanding financial impediments and appropriate solutions for
32 resolution.
- 33 5. The long-term plan to sustain a successful school, including
34 potential changes to governance or boundaries or whether receivership or
35 consolidation would benefit the school district.

36 C. The crisis management team may intervene as prescribed in this
37 section on behalf of any school district that operates a school that meets
38 all of the following criteria:

- 39 1. For school years 2016-2017 and 2018-2019, was assigned a letter
40 grade of F pursuant to section 15-241, Arizona Revised Statutes.
- 41 2. For school year 2018-2019, had less than five percent of pupils
42 who were proficient on the statewide assessment in English language arts
43 and mathematics.

1 D. A school district prescribed pursuant to subsection C of this
2 section shall comply with all requests for information by the crisis
3 management team and provide the information requested within two weeks.
4 The school district may request additional time to complete the
5 information request. If the school district requests additional time to
6 complete an information request pursuant to this subsection, the school
7 district shall outline the reasons the school district needs more than two
8 weeks to complete the request.

9 E. The crisis management team shall provide a school district
10 prescribed pursuant to subsection C of this section with specific
11 recommendations to implement that will address the issues the crisis
12 management team identifies within the school district that contribute to
13 persistent academic underperformance. The crisis management team shall
14 provide all recommendations in writing to the school district governing
15 board and superintendent, and the school district shall notify the crisis
16 management team in writing within two weeks after receiving the
17 recommendations either outlining the school district's efforts to
18 implement the recommendations or rejecting a recommendation and providing
19 the reason for rejection.

20 F. The superintendent of public instruction may retain a portion of
21 state monies that a school district prescribed pursuant to subsection C of
22 this section would otherwise be entitled to receive to compensate members
23 of the crisis management team at a reasonable rate, as determined by the
24 department of education, except that the superintendent of public
25 instruction may not retain a portion of state monies to compensate
26 employees of the department of education. The school district shall
27 reduce its budget limit accordingly.

28 G. If the crisis management team formally determines that a school
29 district prescribed pursuant to subsection C of this section is unable to
30 meet the educational needs of the community in which it is located without
31 a change in administration, the school district shall terminate the
32 contract of the school district superintendent in accordance with the
33 terms of the contract and include appropriate financial recourse. The
34 crisis management team may assist the school district governing board in
35 identifying candidates to act as an interim superintendent.

36 H. The crisis management team shall submit a preliminary report on
37 or before July 1, 2020 and submit a final report on or before December 31,
38 2020 to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the
39 house of representatives, the department of education and the chairpersons
40 of the house of representatives and senate education and appropriations
41 committees and submit a copy to the secretary of state. The report shall
42 include all of the following:

43 1. The specific recommendations for improvement that the crisis
44 management team made to school districts pursuant to this section.

1 2. The outcome of any consultations under subsection B of this
2 section, including suggested actions for improvement by community and
3 tribal stakeholders, parents and the school district.

4 3. Recommendations on the long-term viability of each school
5 district prescribed pursuant to subsection C of this section, including
6 whether the school district requires a change in governance or boundaries
7 or whether receivership or consolidation would benefit the academic
8 outcomes of affected pupils.

9 4. A projected implementation timeline for recommended changes.

10 I. If the crisis management team determines that a long-term
11 sustainability plan is viable, the crisis management team may request the
12 department of education to notify the school district of the
13 implementation plan for sustainability. The department shall compile all
14 recommendations of the crisis management team under subsection H of this
15 section and shall establish an implementation plan. The department shall
16 provide to school districts prescribed pursuant to subsection C of this
17 section an implementation plan and projected timeline for implementation.
18 The school district shall evaluate the implementation plan and respond in
19 writing to the department of education outlining the adoption of an
20 implementation plan and any modifications deemed necessary. The school
21 district shall provide regular reports to the department of education on
22 implementation and may request assistance in community stakeholder
23 engagement, including tribal consultation, or implementation.

24 J. This section is repealed from and after April 1, 2021.

25 Sec. 2. Legislative intent

26 It is the intent of the legislature to declare a crisis for school
27 districts with persistent underperformance and minimal academic outcomes
28 that meet the criteria prescribed in this act and to immediately establish
29 a crisis management team to determine the necessary changes and pathway to
30 sustainability to serve the educational needs of students, parents and the
31 community.

32 Sec. 3. Emergency

33 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
34 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
35 law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 24, 2020.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 24, 2020.

Passed the House February 25, 2020

Passed the Senate March 11, 2020

by the following vote: 57 Ayes,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

3 Nays, 0 Not Voting

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

R. P. Boyce
Speaker of the House

Karen Farn
President of the Senate

Joni Drake
Chief Clerk of the House

Susan Owens
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~~

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at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona~~

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

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this _____ day of _____, 20____
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State~~

H.B. 2684

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

March 18, 2020,

by the following vote: 55 Ayes,

1 Nays, 4 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

18th day of March, 2020,

at 11:56 o'clock A M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 24th day of

March, 2020,

at 2:36 o'clock P M.

[Signature]
Governor of Arizona

H.B. 2684

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 24th day of March, 2020,

at 4:29 o'clock P. M.

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Secretary of State