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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 11-511 AND 11-952.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REPEALING SECTION 15-142, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-151, 15-152, 15-183, 15-184, 15-185, 15-213 AND 15-237, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 15-203, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 1996, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-238; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-255, 15-271, 15-341, 15-342, 15-344, 15-346, 15-351, 15-448, 15-481, 15-511, 15-512, 15-531.01, 15-534, 15-537, 15-539, **15-701.01, 15-712 AND 15-713, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REPEALING SECTION 15-725, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-741, 15-744, 15-753, 15-766, 15-770, 15-792, 15-802, 15-806, 15-823 AND 15-843, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REPEALING SECTION 15-853, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-854, 15-861 AND 15-881, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 15-901, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 1995, CHAPTER 196, SECTION 7; REPEALING SECTION 15-901, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 1995, CHAPTER 191, SECTION 8; AMENDING SECTION 15-905, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 1996, FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 3; REPEALING SECTION 15-905, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 1995, CHAPTER 196, SECTION 8; REPEALING SECTION 15-941.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-918.02, 15-919.04, 15-922, 15-943.01, 15-949, 15-1052, 15-1101, 15-1102, 15-1103, 15-1104, 15-1105, 15-1106 AND 15-1107, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 15-945, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 1995, CHAPTER 191, SECTION 14; REPEALING SECTION 15-945, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 1995, CHAPTER 196, SECTION 12; REPEALING SECTION 15-1156, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1221, 15-1223, 15-1231, 15-1640, 32-1606 AND 41-2831, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING LAWS 1994, CHAPTER 201, SECTION 23, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 1995, CHAPTER 158, SECTION 4; AMENDING LAWS 1994, CHAPTER 201, SECTION 24; AMENDING LAWS 1994, CHAPTER 201, SECTION 25, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 1995, CHAPTER 158, SECTION 5; AMENDING LAWS 1994, CHAPTER 254, SECTION 10; AMENDING LAWS 1996, FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION, CHAPTER 8, SECTION 20; BLENDING MULTIPLE ENACTMENTS; RELATING TO EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONAL ENACTMENT.**

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

Sec. 28. Section 15-701.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-701.01 . High school; graduation; requirements; community college or university courses; transfer from private schools

A. The state board of education shall:

1. Prescribe a minimum course of study, as defined in section 15-101 and incorporating the essential skills adopted by the state board of education, for the graduation of pupils from high school.

2. Prescribe competency requirements for the graduation of pupils from high school incorporating the essential skills in at least the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies.

3. DEVELOP AND ADOPT COMPETENCY TESTS FOR THE GRADUATION OF PUPILS FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN AT LEAST THE AREAS OF READING, WRITING AND MATHEMATICS AND SHALL ESTABLISH PASSING SCORES FOR EACH SUCH TEST.

B. The governing board of a school district shall:

1. Prescribe curricula that include the essential skills in the required subject areas pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section.

2. Prescribe criteria for the graduation of pupils from the high schools in the school district. These criteria shall include accomplishment of the essential skills in at least reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies, as determined by district assessment. Other criteria may include additional measures of academic achievement and attendance.

C. The governing board may prescribe the course of study and competency requirements for the graduation of pupils from high school which are in addition to or higher than the course of study and competency requirements which the state board prescribes.

D. The governing board may prescribe competency requirements for the passage of pupils in courses which are required for graduation from high school.

E. A teacher shall determine whether to pass or fail a pupil in a course in high school as provided in section 15-521, paragraph 3 on the basis of the competency requirements, if any have been prescribed. The governing board, if it reviews the decision of a teacher to pass or fail a pupil in a course in high school as provided in section 15-342, paragraph 11, shall base its decision on the competency requirements, if any have been prescribed.

F. Graduation requirements established by the governing board may be met by a pupil who passes courses in the required or elective subjects at a community college or university, if the

course is at a higher level than the course taught in the high school attended by the pupil or, if the course is not taught in the high school, the level of the course is equal to or higher than the level of a high school course. The governing board shall determine if the subject matter of the community college or university course is appropriate to the specific requirement the pupil intends it to fulfill and if the level of the community college or university course is less than, equal to or higher than a high school course, and the governing board shall award one-half of a carnegie unit for each three semester hours of credit the pupil earns in an appropriate community college or university course. If a pupil is not satisfied with the decision of the governing board regarding the amount of credit granted or the subjects for which credit is granted, the pupil may request that the state board of education review the decision of the governing board, and the state board shall make the final determination of the amount of credit to be given the pupil and for which subjects. The governing board shall not limit the number of credits required for high school graduation which may be met by taking community college or university courses. For the purposes of this subsection , :

1. "Community college" means a community college under the jurisdiction of the state board of directors for community colleges or a postsecondary educational institution under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe recognized by the United States department of the interior *and* .

2. "University" means a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents.

G. A pupil who transfers from a private school shall be provided with a list that indicates those credits that have been accepted and denied by the school district. A pupil may request to take an examination in each particular course in which credit has been denied. The school district shall accept the credit for each particular course in which the pupil takes an examination and receives a passing score on a test designed and evaluated by a teacher in the school district who teaches the subject matter on which the examination is based. In addition to the above requirements, the governing board of a school district may prescribe requirements for the acceptance of the credits of pupils who transfer from a private school.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR **APRIL 23, 1996.**

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