

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION, INNOVATION AND REFORM

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2540

(Reference to printed bill)

1 Page 1, between lines 1 and 2, insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 15-1445, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-1445. Administrative powers of district governing boards

5 A district board shall:

6 1. Adopt policies for the government of the community colleges under
7 its jurisdiction.

8 2. In conjunction with other district boards, set standards for the
9 establishment, development, administration, operation and accreditation of
10 community colleges in the district.

11 3. Fix tuitions and graduate the tuitions and fees between
12 institutions and between residents, nonresidents and students from foreign
13 countries. THE TUITION NORMALLY CHARGED TO IN-STATE STUDENTS SHALL BE
14 REDUCED BY FIFTY PER CENT FOR TEACHERS WHO HAVE ALREADY EARNED A
15 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, WHO HAVE PROVIDED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION IN A PUBLIC OR
16 PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THIS STATE FOR FIVE OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS AND WHO ARE
17 ENROLLED IN ADDITIONAL EDUCATION COURSES. The district board may waive
18 tuitions and fees and graduate tuitions and waivers for an employee or the
19 spouse or dependent child of an employee of the district, or for a
20 nonresident student enrolled in the district if the district board determines
21 the waiver is in the best interest of this state and the student.

22 4. In conjunction with other district boards, submit to the economic
23 estimates commission before January 10 of each year the estimated number of
24 full-time equivalent students for the district as prescribed in section
25 15-1466.01.

26 5. Establish curriculums and designate courses that in its judgment
27 will best serve the interests of this state.

28 6. Determine academic classes that qualify as open entry, open exit
29 classes and prescribe policies for the operation of open entry, open exit
30 classes.

31 7. In conjunction with other district boards and the state board of
32 education, review and adopt, within the scope of the statutory definitions of
33 vocational and technological education, program and staff standards with
34 modifications as necessary for courses taught in community colleges. The

1 district board shall base the standards on vocational and technological
2 competence.

3 8. In conjunction with other district boards, establish qualifications
4 of the instructional staff that, at a minimum, shall be equal to those
5 required to meet accreditation guidelines and establish standards of
6 vocational and technological competence required to instruct in occupational
7 as well as academic subjects.

8 9. In conjunction with other district boards, prescribe guidelines
9 providing for the transferability between community college district
10 vocational and technological education programs and in conjunction with the
11 state board of education prescribe guidelines for the interrelationship of
12 secondary programs and postsecondary programs.

13 10. In conjunction with other district boards, prescribe the manner in
14 which the self-evaluation of vocational and technological education programs
15 is conducted as provided in section 15-1452.

16 11. If requested by the state board of education, assist in the
17 preparation, publication and distribution of an annual state plan and a
18 comprehensive five year state plan.

19 12. In conjunction with other district boards and the state board of
20 education, develop a process to determine program funding priorities for
21 state aid purposes. Each district board shall submit state aid
22 recommendations to the legislature. The recommendations shall be based on
23 the process and on existing cost studies of vocational and technological
24 education in this state.

25 13. In conjunction with other district boards, prescribe qualifications
26 for admission to community colleges for honorably discharged veterans who
27 served on active duty in the armed forces for a minimum of one year and who
28 were previously enrolled at a community college or university in this
29 state. For the purpose of determining the qualifications, the district board
30 may not consider prior failing grades received by the veteran at a community
31 college or university in this state.

32 14. Require the publisher of each literary and nonliterary textbook
33 used in the community colleges of the district to furnish computer software
34 in a standardized format, when software becomes available for nonliterary
35 textbooks, to the district board from which braille versions of the textbook
36 may be produced.

1 15. Identify students simultaneously enrolled in a course for both high
2 school and college credit by using the same student level data element
3 required by section 15-1042, subsection A. The auditor general shall have
4 access to this information when certifying the full-time equivalent student
5 enrollment pursuant to section 15-1466.01, paragraph 4.

6 16. Beginning July 1, 2007, purchase United States flags that are
7 manufactured in the United States and that are at least two feet by three
8 feet and hardware to appropriately display the United States flag and
9 purchase a legible copy of the Constitution of the United States and the Bill
10 of Rights that is manufactured in the United States, and display the flags in
11 each classroom in accordance with title 4 of the United States Code and
12 display a legible copy of the Constitution of the United States and the Bill
13 of Rights adjacent to the flag."

14 Renumber to conform

15 Page 1, line 33, strike "~~SEVENTY-FIVE~~" insert "FIFTY"

16 Amend title to conform

and, as so amended, it do pass

STEVE COURT
Chairman

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