

PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2075  
(Reference to House engrossed bill)

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

2 "Section 1. Title 15, chapter 9, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 15-908.01, to read:

4 15-908.01. Savings from consolidation or unification; use of  
5 monies

6 A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY DETERMINE THE  
7 COST SAVINGS THAT RESULT FROM ANY CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

8 B. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY DETERMINE THE  
9 COST SAVINGS THAT RESULT FROM ANY UNIFICATION WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

10 C. THE RESULTING COST SAVINGS DETERMINED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OR B  
11 OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND USED FOR  
12 CLASSROOM EXPENDITURES AS DETERMINED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD,  
13 WITH AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THESE MONIES TO BE USED FOR TEACHER  
14 SALARIES."

15 Renumber to conform

16 Page 1, between lines 36 and 37, insert:

17 "2. Consideration of a school district's letter grade assigned  
18 pursuant to section 15-241, Arizona Revised Statutes, and an analysis of the  
19 impact of unification, consolidation or unification and consolidation on  
20 school districts that are assigned a letter grade of D or F pursuant to  
21 15-241, Arizona Revised Statutes."

22 Renumber to conform

23 Page 2, between lines 20 and 21, insert:

24 "Sec. 3. Unification and consolidation plans; election;  
25 deadlines

26 A. On or before June 30, 2015, the governing board of each school  
27 district, in cooperation with other school districts in that county, shall  
28 develop, adopt and publish a plan to unify, consolidate or unify and  
29 consolidate the school district with other school districts within that

1 county. The plan shall be submitted to the county school superintendent and  
2 shall be based on the feasibility study prescribed in section 2 of this act.  
3 Any consolidation or unification plan adopted pursuant to this section shall  
4 comply with and be implemented in accordance with title 15, chapter 4,  
5 article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, except that notwithstanding any other  
6 law, school districts may include in their plan a process to unify or  
7 consolidate without an election if all affected governing boards approve  
8 resolutions approving the unification or consolidation and certify their  
9 approval of the unification or consolidation to the county school  
10 superintendent of the county or counties in which the individual school  
11 districts are located. A school district that is unified or consolidated  
12 without an election pursuant to this subsection may increase the revenue  
13 control limit and district support level for the first three years of  
14 operation by an amount determined as follows:

15 1. In the first year for which a budget is computed, seven per cent of  
16 the revenue control limit.

17 2. In the second year for which a budget is computed, five per cent of  
18 the revenue control limit.

19 3. In the third year for which a budget is computed, three per cent of  
20 the revenue control limit.

21 B. Each county school superintendent shall provide assistance,  
22 resources and technical support to the school districts within that county  
23 that are developing the plan to unify, consolidate or unify and consolidate.

24 C. Unless the deadline is adjusted pursuant to subsection D of this  
25 section, if the governing boards of the school districts within the county do  
26 not adopt a plan on or before June 30, 2015 to unify, consolidate or unify  
27 and consolidate, the county school superintendent shall develop and publish a  
28 plan to unify, consolidate or unify and consolidate the school districts  
29 within that county. Any consolidation or unification plan adopted pursuant  
30 to this subsection shall comply with and be implemented in accordance with  
31 title 15, chapter 4, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes. The county school  
32 superintendent shall call an election on the general election date in 2016 to  
33 submit the proposed unification, consolidation or unification and  
34 consolidation plan to the qualified electors of the affected school districts  
35 for approval.

36 D. The county school superintendent may shorten or extend the deadline  
37 prescribed in subsection C of this section for school districts to adopt a

1 plan to unify, consolidate or unify and consolidate, except that the deadline  
2 shall not extend beyond June 30, 2018. If the governing boards of the school  
3 districts within the county do not adopt a plan by the extended deadline, the  
4 county school superintendent shall develop and publish a plan to unify,  
5 consolidate or unify and consolidate the school districts within that county.  
6 Any consolidation or unification plan adopted pursuant to this subsection  
7 shall comply with and be implemented in accordance with title 15, chapter 4,  
8 article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes. If the deadline is extended beyond June  
9 30, 2015, the county school superintendent shall call an election on the  
10 general election date in 2018 to submit the proposed unification,  
11 consolidation or unification and consolidation to the qualified electors of  
12 the affected school districts for approval.

13 E. The proposed plans adopted by school districts or the county school  
14 superintendent shall include the components identified in section 2 of this  
15 act.

16 Sec. 4. Union high school districts; elimination after June 30,  
17 2017; retention of governing board members

18 A. Notwithstanding any other law, unless an extension is granted  
19 pursuant to section 3 of this act, the authority to form and operate union  
20 high school districts in this state ends on June 30, 2017.

21 B. On or before January 1, 2016, unless an extension is granted  
22 pursuant to section 3 of this act, the governing board of a union high school  
23 district shall use the provisions of title 15, chapter 4, Arizona Revised  
24 Statutes, to either:

25 1. Consolidate two or more of the common school districts within the  
26 boundaries of the union high school district into one common school district  
27 and dissolve the union high school district.

28 2. Consolidate two or more of the common school districts into one  
29 common school district and unify the consolidated district with the union  
30 high school district to form one unified school district and dissolve the  
31 union high school district.

32 3. Dissolve the union high school district and convert the common  
33 school districts that were within the boundaries of the union high school  
34 district into common school districts that are no longer within the  
35 boundaries of a union high school district.

36 4. Convert the union high school district into a high school district.

1 C. Unless an extension is granted pursuant to section 3 of this act,  
2 if a union high school district has not complied with subsection B of this  
3 section on or before January 1, 2016, the county school superintendent on or  
4 before June 30, 2016 shall either:

5 1. Consolidate two or more of the common school districts within the  
6 boundaries of the union high school district into one common school district  
7 and dissolve the union high school district.

8 2. Consolidate two or more of the common school districts into one  
9 common school district and unify the consolidated district with the union  
10 high school district to form one unified school district and dissolve the  
11 union high school district.

12 3. Dissolve the union high school district and convert the common  
13 school districts that were within the boundaries of the union high school  
14 district into common school districts that are no longer within the  
15 boundaries of a union high school district.

16 4. Convert the union high school district into a high school district.

17 D. If an extension is granted pursuant to section 3 of this act:

18 1. The authority for the union high school district to operate ends on  
19 June 30, 2018.

20 2. Notwithstanding the budget reductions prescribed in section 5 of  
21 this act, the union high school district may continue until June 30, 2018 to  
22 adjust its budget in the same manner that would have been applicable under  
23 section 15-949, Arizona Revised Statutes, before the budget reductions  
24 prescribed in section 5 of this act.

25 E. All persons serving as members of a governing board of a union high  
26 school district may continue to serve on the governing board of the resulting  
27 common school district or common school districts, unified school district or  
28 high school district until expiration of their normal terms.

29 Sec. 5. Small school districts; budget revisions for fiscal  
30 years 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020

31 The budget revisions that are allowed pursuant to section 15-949,  
32 Arizona Revised Statutes, shall be reduced by the following amounts in each  
33 of the following fiscal years:

34 1. In fiscal year 2017-2018, the amount calculated by a school  
35 district pursuant to section 15-949, Arizona Revised Statutes, shall be  
36 reduced by twenty-five per cent.

1           2. In fiscal year 2018-2019, the amount calculated by a school  
2 district pursuant to section 15-949, Arizona Revised Statutes, shall be  
3 reduced by fifty per cent.

4           3. In fiscal year 2019-2020, the amount calculated by a school  
5 district pursuant to section 15-949, Arizona Revised Statutes, shall be  
6 reduced by seventy-five per cent."

7           Renumber to conform

8           Page 2, after line 30, insert:

9           "Sec. 7. Conforming legislation

10           The legislative council staff shall prepare proposed legislation  
11 conforming the Arizona Revised Statutes to the provisions of this act for  
12 consideration in the fifty-second legislature, first regular session."

13           Amend title to conform

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