



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1320

schools; corrections; repayment plans

Purpose

Expands the completion timeframe for certain school finance corrections to up to ten years.

Background

If the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) determines that the calculation of state aid or budget limits within the previous three years for a school district or charter school did not conform with statute, the SPI must require correction of the errors as follows: a) corrections can be made in the current or budget year, except that in the case of hardship to the school district, the SPI can approve corrections partly in one year and partly in the subsequent year; b) errors in the calculation of state aid must be corrected by increasing or decreasing state aid to the school district or charter school in the year or years in which the correction is made; and c) errors in the calculation of the school district's or charter school's budget limits must be corrected at a public hearing by requiring the governing board to reduce, or by allowing it to increase, its budget by the amount of the correction made that year. Within three days of the hearing and correction, the revised budget must be submitted electronically to the SPI (A.R.S. § 15-915).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with this legislation

Provisions

1. Expands the timeframe in which corrections can be made to up to 10 years after the SPI's determination of errors in the following if they occurred within the previous three years:
 - a) calculation of state aid for a school district or charter school; or
 - b) calculation of a school district's or charter school's budget limits.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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