

PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2530

(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 15-701.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-701.01. High school: graduation; requirements; community
5 college or university courses; transfer from
6 private schools; academic credit

7 A. The state board of education shall:

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

11 2. Prescribe competency requirements for the graduation of pupils from
12 high school incorporating the academic standards in at least the areas of
13 reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. The academic
14 standards prescribed by the state board of education in social studies shall
15 include personal finance. This paragraph does not allow the state board of
16 education to establish a required separate personal finance course for the
17 purpose of the graduation of pupils from high school.

18 3. Develop and adopt competency tests pursuant to section 15-741.
19 English language learners who are subject to article 3.1 of this chapter are
20 subject to the assessments prescribed in section 15-741.

21 B. The governing board of a school district shall:

22 1. Prescribe curricula that include the academic standards in the
23 required subject areas pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section.

24 2. Prescribe criteria for the graduation of pupils from the high
25 schools in the school district. These criteria shall include accomplishment
26 of the academic standards in at least reading, writing, mathematics, science
27 and social studies, as determined by district assessment. Other criteria may
28 include additional measures of academic achievement and attendance. Pursuant
29 to the prescribed graduation requirements adopted by the state board of
30 education, the governing board may approve a rigorous computer science course

1 that would fulfill a mathematics course required for graduation from high
2 school. The governing board may approve a rigorous computer science course
3 only if the rigorous computer science course includes significant mathematics
4 content and the governing board determines the high school where the rigorous
5 computer science course is offered has sufficient capacity, infrastructure
6 and qualified staff, including competent teachers of computer science.

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

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

14 E. A teacher shall determine whether to pass or fail a pupil in a
15 course in high school as provided in section 15-521, paragraph 4 on the basis
16 of the competency requirements, if any have been prescribed. The governing
17 board, if it reviews the decision of a teacher to pass or fail a pupil in a
18 course in high school as provided in section 15-342, paragraph 11, shall base
19 its decision on the competency requirements, if any have been prescribed.

20 F. Graduation requirements established by the governing board may be
21 met by a pupil who passes courses in the required or elective subjects at a
22 community college or university, if the course is at a higher level than the
23 course taught in the high school attended by the pupil or, if the course is
24 not taught in the high school, the level of the course is equal to or higher
25 than the level of a high school course. The governing board shall determine
26 if the subject matter of the community college or university course is
27 appropriate to the specific requirement the pupil intends it to fulfill and
28 if the level of the community college or university course is less than,
29 equal to or higher than a high school course, and the governing board shall
30 award one-half of a carnegie unit for each three semester hours of credit the
31 pupil earns in an appropriate community college or university course. If a
32 pupil is not satisfied with the decision of the governing board regarding the

1 amount of credit granted or the subjects for which credit is granted, the
2 pupil may request that the state board of education review the decision of
3 the governing board, and the state board shall make the final determination
4 of the amount of credit to be given the pupil and for which subjects. The
5 governing board shall not limit the number of credits that is required for
6 high school graduation and that may be met by taking community college or
7 university courses. For the purposes of this subsection:

8 1. "Community college" means an educational institution that is
9 operated by a community college district as defined in section 15-1401 or a
10 postsecondary educational institution under the jurisdiction of an Indian
11 tribe recognized by the United States department of the interior.

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

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

24 H. If a pupil who was previously enrolled in a charter school or
25 school district enrolls in a school district in this state, the school
26 district shall accept credits earned by the pupil in courses or instructional
27 programs at the charter school or school district. The governing board of a
28 school district may adopt a policy concerning the application of transfer
29 credits for the purpose of determining whether a credit earned by a pupil who
30 was previously enrolled in a school district or charter school will be
31 assigned as an elective or core credit.

1 I. A pupil who transfers from a charter school or school district
2 shall be provided with a list that indicates which credits have been accepted
3 as an elective credit and which credits have been accepted as a core credit
4 by the school district. Within ten school days after receiving the list, a
5 pupil may request to take an examination in each particular course in which
6 core credit has been denied. The school district shall accept the credit as
7 a core credit for each particular course in which the pupil takes an
8 examination and receives a passing score on a test designed and evaluated by
9 a teacher in the school district who teaches the subject matter on which the
10 examination is based. **IF A PUPIL IS ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER**
11 **SCHOOL AND THAT PUPIL ALSO PARTICIPATES IN ARIZONA ONLINE INSTRUCTION BETWEEN**
12 **MAY 1 AND JULY 31, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY NOT REQUIRE**
13 **PROOF OF PAYMENT AS A CONDITION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL**
14 **ACCEPTING CREDITS EARNED FROM THE ONLINE COURSE PROVIDER.**

15 J. The state board of education shall adopt rules to allow high school
16 pupils who can demonstrate competency in a particular academic course or
17 subject to obtain academic credit for the course or subject without enrolling
18 in the course or subject.

19 K. Pupils who earn a Grand Canyon diploma pursuant to article 6 of
20 this chapter are exempt from the graduation requirements prescribed in this
21 section. Pupils who earn a Grand Canyon diploma are entitled to all the
22 rights and privileges of persons who graduate with a high school diploma
23 issued pursuant to this section, including access to postsecondary
24 scholarships and other forms of student financial aid and access to all forms
25 of postsecondary education. Notwithstanding any other law, a pupil who is
26 eligible for a Grand Canyon diploma may elect to remain in high school
27 through grade twelve and shall not be prevented from enrolling at a high
28 school after the pupil becomes eligible for a Grand Canyon diploma. A pupil
29 who is eligible for a Grand Canyon diploma and who elects not to pursue one
30 of the options prescribed in section 15-792.03 may only be readmitted to that
31 high school or another high school in this state pursuant to policies adopted
32 by the school district of readmission.

1 Sec. 2. Transcript release; penalties; delayed repeal

2 A. If a pupil is enrolled in a school district or charter school and
3 that pupil also participates in Arizona online instruction, the pupil's
4 school or charter school shall release a copy of the pupil's transcript to
5 the online course provider within ten days after a valid request to release
6 the pupil's transcript. If the online course provider does not receive the
7 pupil's transcript, after ten days the online course provider shall notify
8 the pupil's school district or the Arizona state board for charter schools
9 that the online course provider has not received the transcript and the
10 pupil's transcript shall be released to the online course provider within ten
11 days.

12 B. If the school district or charter school has failed to comply with
13 subsection A of this section within ten days of notification by the online
14 course provider, the superintendent of public instruction shall withhold
15 fifty dollars of state aid from the school district or charter school for
16 each day that the school district or charter school is in violation of
17 subsection A of this section, not to exceed the total amount of state aid
18 that would otherwise be due to the school district or charter school for that
19 student.

20 C. The penalty prescribed in subsection B of this section does not
21 apply to requests that would violate the family educational rights
22 and privacy act of 1974 (20 United States Code section 1232g).

23 D. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2018."

24 Amend title to conform

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