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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION  
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:

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

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.

B. The governing board of a school district shall:

1. Prescribe curricula that include the academic standards 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 academic standards 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. Pursuant to the prescribed graduation requirements adopted by the state board of education, the governing board may approve a rigorous computer science course that would fulfill a mathematics course required for graduation from high school. The governing board may approve a rigorous computer science course only if the rigorous computer science course includes significant mathematics content and the governing board determines the high school where the rigorous computer science course is offered has sufficient capacity, infrastructure and qualified staff, including competent teachers of computer science.

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

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

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

14          F. Graduation requirements established by the governing board may be  
15 met by a pupil who passes courses in the required or elective subjects at a  
16 community college or university, if the course is at a higher level than the  
17 course taught in the high school attended by the pupil or, if the course is  
18 not taught in the high school, the level of the course is equal to or higher  
19 than the level of a high school course. The governing board shall determine  
20 if the subject matter of the community college or university course is  
21 appropriate to the specific requirement the pupil intends it to fulfill and  
22 if the level of the community college or university course is less than,  
23 equal to or higher than a high school course, and the governing board shall  
24 award one-half of a carnegie unit for each three semester hours of credit the  
25 pupil earns in an appropriate community college or university course. If a  
26 pupil is not satisfied with the decision of the governing board regarding the  
27 amount of credit granted or the subjects for which credit is granted, the  
28 pupil may request that the state board of education review the decision of  
29 the governing board, and the state board shall make the final determination  
30 of the amount of credit to be given the pupil and for which subjects. The  
31 governing board shall not limit the number of credits that is required for  
32 high school graduation and that may be met by taking community college or  
33 university courses. For the purposes of this subsection:

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

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

40           G. A pupil who transfers from a private school shall be provided with  
41 a list that indicates those credits that have been accepted and denied by the  
42 school district. A pupil may request to take an examination in each

1       particular course in which credit has been denied. The school district shall  
2       accept the credit for each particular course in which the pupil takes an  
3       examination and receives a passing score on a test designed and evaluated by  
4       a teacher in the school district who teaches the subject matter on which the  
5       examination is based. In addition to the above requirements, the governing  
6       board of a school district may prescribe requirements for the acceptance of  
7       the credits of pupils who transfer from a private school.

8       H. If a pupil who was previously enrolled in a charter school or  
9       school district enrolls in a school district in this state, the school  
10      district shall accept credits earned by the pupil in courses or instructional  
11      programs at the charter school or school district. The governing board of a  
12      school district may adopt a policy concerning the application of transfer  
13      credits for the purpose of determining whether a credit earned by a pupil who  
14      was previously enrolled in a school district or charter school will be  
15      assigned as an elective or core credit.

16      I. A pupil who transfers from a charter school or school district  
17      shall be provided with a list that indicates which credits have been accepted  
18      as an elective credit and which credits have been accepted as a core credit  
19      by the school district. Within ten school days after receiving the list, a  
20      pupil may request to take an examination in each particular course in which  
21      core credit has been denied. The school district shall accept the credit as  
22      a core credit for each particular course in which the pupil takes an  
23      examination and receives a passing score on a test designed and evaluated by  
24      a teacher in the school district who teaches the subject matter on which the  
25      examination is based. **IF A PUPIL IS ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER**  
26      **SCHOOL AND THAT PUPIL ALSO PARTICIPATES IN ARIZONA ONLINE INSTRUCTION BETWEEN**  
27      **MAY 1 AND JULY 31, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL NOT REQUIRE**  
28      **PROOF OF PAYMENT AS A CONDITION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL**  
29      **ACCEPTING CREDITS EARNED FROM THE ONLINE COURSE PROVIDER.**

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

34      K. Pupils who earn a Grand Canyon diploma pursuant to article 6 of  
35      this chapter are exempt from the graduation requirements prescribed in this  
36      section. Pupils who earn a Grand Canyon diploma are entitled to all the  
37      rights and privileges of persons who graduate with a high school diploma  
38      issued pursuant to this section, including access to postsecondary  
39      scholarships and other forms of student financial aid and access to all forms  
40      of postsecondary education. Notwithstanding any other law, a pupil who is  
41      eligible for a Grand Canyon diploma may elect to remain in high school  
42      through grade twelve and shall not be prevented from enrolling at a high

1 school after the pupil becomes eligible for a Grand Canyon diploma. A pupil  
2 who is eligible for a Grand Canyon diploma and who elects not to pursue one  
3 of the options prescribed in section 15-792.03 may only be readmitted to that  
4 high school or another high school in this state pursuant to policies adopted  
5 by the school district of readmission.

6 Sec. 2. Transcript release: penalties: delayed repeal

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

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

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

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

29 Amend title to conform

and, as so amended, it do pass

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Chairman

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