



Bill Number: S.B. 1197

Griffin Floor Amendment

Reference to: printed bill

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## FLOOR AMENDMENT EXPLANATION

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**Specifies the cursive reading and writing requirement shall not be included as a part of statewide achievement assessments.**

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GRIFFIN FLOOR AMENDMENT  
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1197  
(Reference to printed bill)

1   Page 4, after line 18, insert:

2           "Sec 2. Section 15-741, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

3           15-741. Assessment of pupils

4           A. The state board of education shall:

5           1. Adopt rules for purposes of this article pursuant to title 41,  
6           chapter 6.

7           2. Adopt and implement an Arizona instrument to measure standards test  
8           to measure pupil achievement of the state board adopted academic standards in  
9           reading, writing and mathematics in at least four grades designated by the  
10          board. The board shall determine the manner of implementation. The board  
11          may administer assessments of the academic standards in social studies and  
12          science, except that a pupil shall not be required to meet or exceed the  
13          social studies or science standards measured by the Arizona instrument to  
14          measure standards test.

15          3. Ensure that the tests prescribed in this section are uniform  
16          throughout the state.

17          4. Ensure that the tests prescribed in this section are able to be  
18          scored in an objective manner and that the tests are not intended to advocate  
19          any sectarian, partisan or denominational viewpoint.

20          5. Include within its budget all costs pertaining to the tests  
21          prescribed in this article. If sufficient monies are appropriated, the state  
22          board may provide achievement test services to school districts that request  
23          assistance in testing pupils in grades additional to those required by this  
24          section.

25          6. Survey teachers, principals and superintendents on achievement  
26          related nontest indicators, including information on graduation rates by  
27          ethnicity and dropout rates by ethnicity for each grade level. Before the

1 survey, the state board of education shall approve at a public meeting the  
2 nontest indicators on which data will be collected. In conducting the survey  
3 and collecting data, the state board of education shall not violate the  
4 provisions of the family educational rights and privacy act (P.L. 93-380), as  
5 amended, nor disclose personally identifiable information.

6 7. Establish a fair and consistent method and standard by which test  
8 scores from schools in a district may be evaluated taking into consideration  
9 demographic data. The board shall establish intervention strategies to  
10 assist schools with scores below the acceptable standard. The board shall  
11 annually review district and school scores and shall offer assistance to  
12 school districts in analyzing data and implementing intervention  
13 strategies. The board shall use the adopted test and methods of data  
evaluation for a period of at least ten years.

14 8. Participate in other assessments that provide national comparisons  
15 as needed.

16 B. The achievement tests adopted by the state board as provided in  
17 subsection A of this section shall be given at least annually. Nontest  
18 indicator data and other information shall be collected at the same time as  
19 the collection of achievement test data.

20 C. Local school district governing boards shall:

21 1. Administer the tests prescribed in subsection A of this section.

22 2. Survey teachers, principals and superintendents on achievement  
23 related nontest indicator data as required by the state board, including  
24 information related to district graduation and dropout rates. In conducting  
25 the survey and collecting data, the governing board shall not violate the  
26 provisions of the family educational rights and privacy act (P.L. 93-380), as  
27 amended, nor disclose personally identifiable information.

28 D. Any additional assessments for high school pupils that are adopted  
29 by the state board of education after November 24, 2009 shall be designed to  
30 measure college and career readiness of pupils.

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1           E. A test for penmanship OR FOR THE CURSIVE READING AND WRITING  
2         REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-701 shall not be required pursuant to this  
3         article."

4     Amend title to conform

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