

State of Arizona  
Senate  
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2019

**CHAPTER 235**  
**SENATE BILL 1111**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-261; RELATING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC  
INSTRUCTION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 2, article 3, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-261, to read:

4 15-261. State seal of arts proficiency program; requirements;  
5 diploma; program termination

6 A. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL ESTABLISH A STATE  
7 SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE FROM A  
8 SCHOOL OPERATED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A CHARTER SCHOOL LOCATED IN THIS  
9 STATE AND WHO HAVE ATTAINED A HIGH LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY IN THE ARTS.

10 B. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL:

11 1. CREATE A STATE SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY, WHICH SHALL BE AFFIXED  
12 TO THE DIPLOMA AND NOTED ON THE TRANSCRIPT OF A STUDENT TO RECOGNIZE THAT  
13 THE STUDENT HAS MET THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

14 2. DELIVER THE STATE SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY TO EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL  
15 DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM.

16 C. ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY VOLUNTARILY  
17 PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY PROGRAM BY NOTIFYING THE  
18 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR CHARTER  
19 SCHOOL'S INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

20 D. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OR CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING  
21 BODY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE STATE SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY PROGRAM  
22 SHALL:

23 1. IDENTIFY THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE  
24 AWARDED THE STATE SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY.

25 2. AFFIX THE STATE SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY TO THE DIPLOMA AND NOTE  
26 THE RECEIPT OF THE STATE SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY ON THE TRANSCRIPT OF  
27 EACH STUDENT WHO MEETS THOSE REQUIREMENTS.

28 E. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
29 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EXPERTS IN ARTS EDUCATION, SHALL ADOPT MINIMUM  
30 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND MAY  
31 ADOPT RULES AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

32 F. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE  
33 STATE SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS  
34 SECTION SHALL AWARD A STUDENT, ON GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL, A HIGH  
35 SCHOOL DIPLOMA WITH A STATE SEAL OF ARTS PROFICIENCY IF THE STUDENT  
36 DEMONSTRATES PROFICIENCY IN ARTS BY MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED  
37 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

38 G. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ENDS ON JULY 1,  
39 2029 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 14, 2019.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 14, 2019.