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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-747, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Section 15-747, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:
4 15-747. School financial transparency; portal; required
5 information; third-party contractor
6 A. ~~Beginning in fiscal year 2021-2022,~~ The department of
7 administration shall develop a transparent and easily accessible school
8 financial transparency portal that includes the following school level
9 data for charter schools, individual schools operated by a school district
10 and school districts:
11 1. The detailed total revenues generated by weighted student count.
12 2. The total allocated federal, state and local revenues.
13 3. The allocation of classroom site fund monies.
14 4. The amounts allocated for teacher pay and benefits, classroom
15 supplies, student support and other expenditures.
16 5. THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS AT EACH INDIVIDUAL
17 SCHOOL, DISAGGREGATED BY THE TYPE OF POSITION, INCLUDING TEACHERS AND
18 SCHOOL LEADERS.
19 6. THE AVERAGE SALARY AND SALARY RANGE FOR EACH TYPE OF POSITION
20 REPORTED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS SUBSECTION AT EACH INDIVIDUAL
21 SCHOOL.
22 7. EACH ENTRY INTO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR CHARTER SCHOOL'S
23 GENERAL LEDGER, INCLUDING RECEIPTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
24 DISBURSEMENTS.
25 8. THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR EACH CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE CAPITAL
26 PROJECT OR FACILITY EXPENSE AND ALL FUNDING SOURCES FOR EACH PROJECT OR
27 EXPENSE.
28 9. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OR CHARTER SCHOOL'S PROPOSED, ADOPTED AND
29 REVISED BUDGET OR BUDGETS, IF APPLICABLE, INCLUDING UNIT CODES FOR
30 INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL BUDGETS AND ACCOUNTS PRESCRIBED BY THE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF
31 FINANCIAL RECORDS IN CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE.
32 ~~5-~~ 10. A comparison of the funding information for each school in
33 relation to the funding information for other schools in the same ~~local~~
34 ~~education agency~~ SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL.
35 ~~6-~~ 11. Any other information that is necessary for a transparent
36 comparison between schools with respect to their revenues, expenditures,
37 student demographics or academic achievement.
38 B. The department of education and the state board for charter
39 schools shall provide and assist with any necessary data or financial
40 information the department of administration or the contractor selected
41 pursuant to subsection C of this section requests to comply with and
42 implement subsection A of this section. The auditor general may provide
43 assistance related to this section.

- 1 C. The department of administration shall contract with a third
2 party to develop the portal prescribed in subsection A of this section.
3 The third party selected by the department must meet all of the following:
4 1. Have experience in building education finance platforms to show
5 school financial information in a transparent and easily understandable
6 format.
7 2. Be incorporated for at least five years.
8 3. Have an exclusive focus on K-12 education finance technology.
9 4. Have at least five years of experience building cloud-hosted
10 education finance software.
11 5. Have experience integrating with the uniform system of financial
12 records.