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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-341 AND 15-802.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: 2 Section 1. Section 15-341, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 3 read: 4 15-341. General powers and duties; immunity; delegation 5 A. The governing board shall: 6 1. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures to govern the 7 schools that are not inconsistent with the laws or rules prescribed by the 8 state board of education. 9 2. Exclude from schools all books, publications, papers or 10 audiovisual materials of a sectarian, partisan or denominational 11 character. This paragraph does not prohibit the elective course allowed 12 by section 15-717.01. 13 3. Manage and control the school property within its district, except that a district may enter into a partnership with an entity, 14 including a charter school, another school district or a military base, to 15 16 operate a school or offer educational services in a district building, 17 including at a vacant or partially used building, or in any building on 18 the entity's property pursuant to a written agreement between the parties. 19 4. Acquire school furniture, apparatus, equipment, library books 20 and supplies for the schools to use. 21 5. Prescribe the curricula and criteria for the promotion and 22 graduation of pupils as provided in sections 15-701 and 15-701.01. 6. Furnish, repair and insure, at full insurable value, the school 23 24 property of the district. 25 7. Construct school buildings on approval by a vote of the district 26 electors. 27 8. In the name of the district, convey property belonging to the 28 district and sold by the board. 29 9. Purchase school sites when authorized by a vote of the district at an election conducted as nearly as practicable in the same manner as 30 31 the election provided in section 15-481 and held on a date prescribed in section 15-491, subsection E, but such authorization shall not necessarily 32 33 specify the site to be purchased and such authorization shall not be necessary to exchange unimproved property as provided in section 15-342, 34 35 paragraph 23. 36 10. Construct, improve and furnish buildings used for school 37 purposes when such buildings or premises are leased from the national park 38 service. 39 11. Purchase school sites or construct, improve and furnish school 40 buildings from the proceeds of the sale of school property only on 41 approval by a vote of the district electors. 42 12. Hold pupils to strict account for disorderly conduct on school 43 property. 13. Discipline students for disorderly conduct on the way to and 44 45 from school.

1 14. Except as provided in section 15-1224, deposit all monies 2 received by the district as gifts, grants and devises with the county 3 treasurer who shall credit the deposits as designated in the uniform 4 system of financial records. If not inconsistent with the terms of the 5 gifts, grants and devises given, any balance remaining after expenditures 6 for the intended purpose of the monies have been made shall be used to 7 reduce school district taxes for the budget year, except that in the case 8 of accommodation schools the county treasurer shall carry the balance 9 forward for use by the county school superintendent for accommodation schools for the budget year. 10

11 15. Provide that, if a parent or legal guardian chooses not to 12 accept a decision of the teacher as provided in paragraph 42 of this 13 subsection, the parent or legal guardian may request in writing that the 14 governing board review the teacher's decision. This paragraph does not 15 release school districts from any liability relating to a child's 16 promotion or retention.

17 16. Provide for adequate supervision over pupils in instructional 18 and noninstructional activities by certificated or noncertificated 19 personnel.

20 17. Use school monies received from the state and county school 21 apportionment exclusively to pay salaries of teachers and other employees 22 and contingent expenses of the district.

18. Annually report to the county school superintendent on or before October 1 in the manner and form and on the blanks prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction or county school superintendent. The board shall also report directly to the county school superintendent or the superintendent of public instruction whenever required.

19. Deposit all monies received by school districts other than student activities monies or monies from auxiliary operations as provided in sections 15-1125 and 15-1126 with the county treasurer to the credit of the school district except as provided in paragraph 20 of this subsection and sections 15-1223 and 15-1224, and the board shall spend the monies as provided by law for other school funds.

20. Establish bank accounts in which the board during a month may deposit miscellaneous monies received directly by the district. The board shall remit monies deposited in the bank accounts at least monthly to the county treasurer for deposit as provided in paragraph 19 of this subsection and in accordance with the uniform system of financial records.

21. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures for disciplinary action against a teacher who engages in conduct that is a violation of the policies of the governing board but that is not cause for dismissal of the teacher or for revocation of the certificate of the teacher. Disciplinary action may include suspension without pay for a period of time not to exceed ten school days. Disciplinary action shall not include suspension with pay or suspension without pay for a period of time longer than ten 1 school days. The procedures shall include notice, hearing and appeal 2 provisions for violations that are cause for disciplinary action. The 3 governing board may designate a person or persons to act on behalf of the 4 board on these matters.

5 22. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures for disciplinary 6 action against an administrator who engages in conduct that is a violation 7 of the policies of the governing board regarding duties of administrators 8 but that is not cause for dismissal of the administrator or for revocation 9 of the certificate of the administrator. Disciplinary action may include 10 suspension without pay for a period of time not to exceed ten school days. 11 Disciplinary action shall not include suspension with pay or suspension 12 without pay for a period of time longer than ten school days. The 13 procedures shall include notice, hearing and appeal provisions for 14 violations that are cause for disciplinary action. The governing board may designate a person or persons to act on behalf of the board on these 15 16 matters. For violations that are cause for dismissal, the provisions of 17 notice, hearing and appeal in chapter 5, article 3 of this title apply. 18 The filing of a timely request for a hearing suspends the imposition of a 19 suspension without pay or a dismissal pending completion of the hearing.

20 23. Notwithstanding sections 13-3108 and 13-3120, prescribe and 21 enforce policies and procedures that prohibit a person from carrying or 22 possessing a weapon on school grounds unless the person is a peace officer 23 or has obtained specific authorization from the school administrator.

24 24. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures relating to the 25 health and safety of all pupils participating in district-sponsored 26 practice sessions or games or other interscholastic athletic activities, 27 including:

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(a) The provision of water.

29 (b) Guidelines, information and forms, developed in consultation 30 statewide private entity that supervises interscholastic with а 31 activities, to inform and educate coaches, pupils and parents of the 32 dangers of concussions and head injuries and the risks of continued participation in athletic activity after a concussion. The policies and 33 34 procedures shall require that, before a pupil participates in an athletic 35 activity, the pupil and the pupil's parent sign an information form at 36 least once each school year that states that the parent is aware of the 37 nature and risk of concussion. The policies and procedures shall require that a pupil who is suspected of sustaining a concussion in a practice 38 39 session, game or other interscholastic athletic activity be immediately 40 removed from the athletic activity and that the pupil's parent or guardian 41 be notified. A coach from the pupil's team or an official or a licensed health care provider may remove a pupil from play. A team parent may also 42 43 remove the parent's own child from play. A pupil may return to play on the same day if a health care provider rules out a suspected concussion at 44 45 the time the pupil is removed from play. On a subsequent day, the pupil

1 may return to play if the pupil has been evaluated by and received written 2 clearance to resume participation in athletic activity from a health care 3 provider who has been trained in evaluating and managing concussions and 4 head injuries. A health care provider who is a volunteer and who provides 5 clearance to participate in athletic activity on the day of the suspected 6 injury or on a subsequent day is immune from civil liability with respect 7 to all decisions made and actions taken that are based on good faith 8 implementation of the requirements of this subdivision, except in cases of 9 gross negligence or wanton or wilful neglect. A school district, school district employee, team coach, official or team volunteer or a parent or 10 11 guardian of a team member is not subject to civil liability for any act, 12 omission or policy undertaken in good faith to comply with the 13 requirements of this subdivision or for a decision made or an action taken by a health care provider. A group or organization that uses property or 14 15 facilities owned or operated by a school district for athletic activities 16 shall comply with the requirements of this subdivision. A school district 17 and its employees and volunteers are not subject to civil liability for 18 any other person or organization's failure or alleged failure to comply 19 with the requirements of this subdivision. This subdivision does not 20 apply to teams that are based in another state and that participate in an 21 athletic activity in this state. For the purposes of this subdivision, 22 athletic activity does not include dance. rhythmic gymnastics. 23 competitions or exhibitions of academic skills or knowledge or other 24 similar forms of physical noncontact activities, civic activities or 25 academic activities, whether engaged in for the purposes of competition or 26 recreation. For the purposes of this subdivision, "health care provider" 27 means a physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, 14 or 28 17, an athletic trainer who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 41, 29 a nurse practitioner who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 15, and 30 a physician assistant who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 25.

31 Guidelines, information and forms that are developed (c) in 32 consultation with statewide private entity that supervises а 33 interscholastic activities to inform and educate coaches, pupils and 34 parents of the dangers of heat-related illnesses, sudden cardiac death and 35 prescription opioid use. Before а pupil participates in any 36 district-sponsored practice session or game or other interscholastic 37 athletic activity, the pupil and the pupil's parent must be provided with information at least once each school year on the risks of heat-related 38 39 illnesses, sudden cardiac death and prescription opioid addiction.

40 (d) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT ALLOW A PUPIL TO TRANSFER SCHOOLS
41 AT LEAST ONE TIME IN ANY OF GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE WITHOUT THE
42 IMPOSITION OF A PERIOD OF ATHLETIC INELIGIBILITY. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES
43 NOT LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF A STATEWIDE PRIVATE ENTITY THAT SUPERVISES
44 INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES TO MAKE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS ON A
45 CASE-BY-CASE BASIS ACCORDING TO THE ENTITY'S RULES.

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25. Establish an assessment, data gathering and reporting system as prescribed in chapter 7, article 3 of this title.

26. Provide special education programs and related services pursuant to section 15–764, subsection A to all children with disabilities as defined in section 15–761.

6 27. Administer competency tests prescribed by the state board of 7 education for the graduation of pupils from high school.

8 28. Ensure that insurance coverage is secured for all construction 9 projects for purposes of general liability, property damage and workers' 10 compensation and secure performance and payment bonds for all construction 11 projects.

12 Keep in the personnel file of all current and former employees 29. 13 who provide instruction to pupils at a school information about the employee's educational and teaching background and experience in a 14 particular academic content subject area. A school district shall inform 15 16 parents and guardians of the availability of the information and shall 17 make the information available for inspection on request of parents and 18 guardians of pupils enrolled at a school. This paragraph does not require 19 any school to release personally identifiable information in relation to 20 any teacher or employee, including the teacher's or employee's address, 21 salary, social security number or telephone number.

22 30. Report to local law enforcement agencies any suspected crime against a person or property that is a serious offense as defined in 23 24 section 13-706 or that involves a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument or serious physical injury and any conduct that poses a threat of death or 25 26 serious physical injury to employees, students or anyone on the property of the school. This paragraph does not limit or preclude the reporting by 27 a school district or an employee of a school district of suspected crimes 28 29 other than those required to be reported by this paragraph. For the purposes of this paragraph, "dangerous instrument", "deadly weapon" and 30 31 "serious physical injury" have the same meanings prescribed in section 32 13-105.

33 31. In conjunction with local law enforcement agencies and 34 emergency response agencies, develop an emergency response plan for each 35 school in the school district in accordance with minimum standards 36 developed jointly by the department of education and the division of 37 emergency management within the department of emergency and military 38 affairs.

39 32. Provide written notice to the parents or guardians of all 40 students enrolled in the school district at least ten days before a public 41 meeting to discuss closing a school within the school district. The 42 notice shall include the reasons for the proposed closure and the time and 43 place of the meeting. The governing board shall fix a time for a public 44 meeting on the proposed closure not less than ten days before voting in a 45 public meeting to close the school. The school district governing board

1 shall give notice of the time and place of the meeting. At the time and 2 place designated in the notice, the school district governing board shall 3 hear reasons for or against closing the school. The school district 4 governing board is exempt from this paragraph if the governing board 5 determines that the school shall be closed because it poses a danger to 6 the health or safety of the pupils or employees of the school. A 7 governing board may consult with the division of school facilities within 8 department of administration for technical the assistance and for 9 information on the impact of closing a school. The information provided division of school facilities within 10 from the the department of 11 administration shall not require the governing board to take or not take 12 any action.

13 33. Incorporate instruction on Native American history into 14 appropriate existing curricula.

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34. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures:

16 (a) Allowing pupils who have been diagnosed with anaphylaxis by a 17 health care provider licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, 14, 17 or 18 25 or by a registered nurse practitioner licensed and certified pursuant 19 title 32, chapter 15 to carry and self-administer emergency to 20 medications, including epinephrine auto-injectors, while at school and at 21 school-sponsored activities. The pupil's name on the prescription label on 22 the medication container or on the medication device and annual written 23 documentation from the pupil's parent or guardian to the school that 24 authorizes possession and self-administration is sufficient proof that the pupil is entitled to possess and self-administer the medication. The 25 26 policies shall require a pupil who uses an epinephrine auto-injector while at school and at school-sponsored activities to notify the nurse or the 27 designated school staff person of the use of the medication as soon as 28 29 A school district and its employees are immune from civil practicable. liability with respect to all decisions made and actions taken that are 30 31 on good faith implementation of the requirements based of this 32 subdivision, except in cases of wanton or wilful neglect.

33 (b) For the emergency administration of epinephrine auto-injectors
 34 by a trained employee of a school district pursuant to section 15-157.

35 35. Allow the possession and self-administration of prescription 36 medication for breathing disorders in handheld inhaler devices by pupils 37 who have been prescribed that medication by a health care professional 38 licensed pursuant to title 32. The pupil's name on the prescription label on the medication container or on the handheld inhaler device and annual 39 40 written documentation from the pupil's parent or guardian to the school 41 that authorizes possession and self-administration is sufficient proof 42 that the pupil is entitled to possess and self-administer the medication. 43 A school district and its employees are immune from civil liability with 44 respect to all decisions made and actions taken that are based on a good 45 faith implementation of the requirements of this paragraph.

1 36. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures to prohibit 2 pupils from harassing, intimidating and bullying other pupils on school 3 grounds, on school property, on school buses, at school bus stops, at 4 school-sponsored events and activities and through the use of electronic 5 technology or electronic communication on school computers, networks, 6 forums and mailing lists that include the following components:

7 (a) A procedure for pupils, parents and school district employees 8 to confidentially report to school officials incidents of harassment, 9 intimidation or bullying. The school shall make available written forms 10 designed to provide a full and detailed description of the incident and 11 any other relevant information about the incident.

(b) A requirement that school district employees report in writing suspected incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying to the appropriate school official and a description of appropriate disciplinary procedures for employees who fail to report suspected incidents that are known to the employee.

(c) A requirement that, at the beginning of each school year, school officials provide all pupils with a written copy of the rights, protections and support services available to a pupil who is an alleged victim of an incident reported pursuant to this paragraph.

(d) If an incident is reported pursuant to this paragraph, a requirement that school officials provide a pupil who is an alleged victim of the incident with a written copy of the rights, protections and support services available to that pupil.

25 (e) A formal process for documenting reported incidents of 26 harassment, intimidation or bullying and providing for the 27 confidentiality, maintenance and disposition of this documentation. School districts shall maintain documentation of all incidents reported 28 29 pursuant to this paragraph for at least six years. The school shall not 30 that documentation to impose disciplinary action unless the use 31 appropriate school official has investigated and determined that the reported incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying occurred. If a 32 33 school provides documentation of reported incidents to persons other than 34 school officials or law enforcement, all individually identifiable 35 information shall be redacted.

36 (f) A formal process for the appropriate school officials to 37 investigate suspected incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying, 38 including procedures for notifying the alleged victim and the alleged 39 victim's parent or guardian when a school official or employee becomes 40 aware of the suspected incident of harassment, intimidation or bullying.

(g) Disciplinary procedures for pupils who have admitted or been
 found to have committed incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying.

43 (h) A procedure that sets forth consequences for submitting false44 reports of incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying.

1 (i) Procedures designed to protect the health and safety of pupils 2 who are physically harmed as the result of incidents of harassment, 3 intimidation and bullying, including, if appropriate, procedures to 4 contact emergency medical services or law enforcement agencies, or both.

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(j) Definitions of harassment, intimidation and bullying.

6 37. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures regarding 7 changing or adopting attendance boundaries that include the following 8 components:

9 (a) A procedure for holding public meetings to discuss attendance 10 boundary changes or adoptions that allows public comments.

11 (b) A procedure to notify the parents or guardians of the students 12 affected, including assurance that, if that school remains open as part of 13 the boundary change and capacity is available, students assigned to a new 14 attendance area may stay enrolled in their current school.

15 (c) A procedure to notify the residents of the households affected16 by the attendance boundary changes.

17 (d) A process for placing public meeting notices and proposed maps
18 on the school district's website for public review, if the school district
19 maintains a website.

20 (e) A formal process for presenting the attendance boundaries of 21 the affected area in public meetings that allows public comments.

(f) A formal process for notifying the residents and parents or guardians of the affected area as to the decision of the governing board on the school district's website, if the school district maintains a website.

(g) A formal process for updating attendance boundaries on the school district's website within ninety days after an adopted boundary change. The school district shall send a direct link to the school district's attendance boundaries website to the department of real estate.

30 38. If the state board of education determines that the school 31 district has committed an overexpenditure as defined in section 15-107, 32 provide a copy of the fiscal management report submitted pursuant to 33 section 15-107, subsection H on its website and make copies available to 34 the public on request. The school district shall comply with a request 35 within five business days after receipt.

36 39. Ensure that the contract for the superintendent is structured 37 in a manner in which up to twenty percent of the total annual salary 38 included for the superintendent in the contract is classified as 39 performance pay. This paragraph does not require school districts to 40 increase total compensation for superintendents. Unless the school 41 district governing board votes to implement an alternative procedure at a 42 public meeting called for this purpose, the performance pay portion of the 43 superintendent's total annual compensation shall be determined as follows:

44 (a) Twenty-five percent of the performance pay shall be determined 45 based on the percentage of academic gain determined by the department of

1 education of pupils who are enrolled in the school district compared to 2 the academic gain achieved by the highest ranking of the fifty largest 3 school districts in this state. For the purposes of this subdivision, the 4 department of education shall determine academic gain by the academic 5 growth achieved by each pupil who has been enrolled at the same school in 6 a school district for at least five consecutive months measured against 7 that pupil's academic results in the 2008-2009 school year. For the 8 purposes of this subdivision, of the fifty largest school districts in 9 this state, the school district with pupils who demonstrate the highest statewide percentage of overall academic gain measured against academic 10 11 results for the 2008-2009 school year shall be assigned a score of 100 and 12 the school district with pupils who demonstrate the lowest statewide 13 percentage of overall academic gain measured against academic results for the 2008-2009 school year shall be assigned a score of 0. 14

15 (b) Twenty-five percent of the performance pay shall be determined 16 by the percentage of parents of pupils who are enrolled at the school district who assign a letter grade of "A" to the school on a survey of 17 18 parental satisfaction with the school district. The parental satisfaction 19 survey shall be administered and scored by an independent entity that is 20 selected by the governing board and that demonstrates sufficient expertise 21 and experience to accurately measure the results of the survey. The 22 parental satisfaction survey shall use standard random sampling procedures 23 and provide anonymity and confidentiality to each parent who participates 24 in the survey. The letter grade scale used on the parental satisfaction 25 survey shall direct parents to assign one of the following letter grades:

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(ii) A letter grade of "B" if the school district is above average.(iii) A letter grade of "C" if the school district is average.

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(iv) A letter grade of "D" if the school district is below average.

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(v) A letter grade of "F" if the school district is a failure.

(i) A letter grade of "A" if the school district is excellent.

31 (c) Twenty-five percent of the performance pay shall be determined 32 by the percentage of teachers who are employed at the school district and who assign a letter grade of "A" to the school on a survey of teacher 33 34 satisfaction with the school. The teacher satisfaction survey shall be 35 administered and scored by an independent entity that is selected by the 36 governing board and that demonstrates sufficient expertise and experience 37 to accurately measure the results of the survey. The teacher satisfaction 38 survey shall use standard random sampling procedures and provide anonymity 39 and confidentiality to each teacher who participates in the survey. The 40 letter grade scale used on the teacher satisfaction survey shall direct 41 teachers to assign one of the following letter grades:

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44 45 (i) A letter grade of "A" if the school district is excellent.

(ii) A letter grade of "B" if the school district is above average.

(iii) A letter grade of "C" if the school district is average.

(iv) A letter grade of "D" if the school district is below average.

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(v) A letter grade of "F" if the school district is a failure.

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(d) Twenty-five percent of the performance pay shall be determined by other criteria selected by the governing board.

4 40. Maintain and store permanent public records of the school 5 required by law. Notwithstanding section 39-101, district as the 6 standards adopted by the Arizona state library, archives and public 7 records for the maintenance and storage of school district public records 8 shall allow school districts to elect to satisfy the requirements of this 9 paragraph by maintaining and storing these records either on paper or in an electronic format, or a combination of a paper and electronic format. 10

41. Adopt in a public meeting and implement policies for principal evaluations. Before adopting principal evaluation policies, the school district governing board shall provide opportunities for public discussion on the proposed policies. The governing board shall adopt policies that:

15 (a) Are designed to improve principal performance and improve 16 student achievement.

17 (b) Include the use of quantitative data on the academic progress 18 for all students, which shall account for between twenty percent and 19 thirty-three percent of the evaluation outcomes.

20 (c) Include four performance classifications, designated as highly 21 effective, effective, developing and ineffective.

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(d) Describe both of the following:

(i) The methods used to evaluate the performance of principals,
 including the data used to measure student performance and job
 effectiveness.

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(ii) The formula used to determine evaluation outcomes.

27 42. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures that define the duties of principals and teachers. These policies and procedures shall 28 29 authorize teachers to take and maintain daily classroom attendance, make 30 the decision to promote or retain a pupil in a grade in common school or 31 to pass or fail a pupil in a course in high school, subject to review by 32 the governing board in the manner provided in section 15-342, 33 paragraph 11.

34 43. Prescribe and enforce policies and procedures for the emergency
35 administration by an employee of a school district pursuant to section
36 36-2267 of naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist approved
37 by the United States food and drug administration.

38 44. In addition to the notification requirements prescribed in 39 paragraph 36 of this subsection, prescribe and enforce reasonable and 40 appropriate policies to notify a pupil's parent or guardian if any person 41 engages in harassing, threatening or intimidating conduct against that 42 pupil. A school district and its officials and employees are immune from 43 civil liability with respect to all decisions made and actions taken that 44 are based on good faith implementation of the requirements of this 45 paragraph, except in cases of gross negligence or wanton or wilful

1 neglect. A person engages in threatening or intimidating if the person 2 threatens or intimidates by word or conduct to cause physical injury to 3 another person or serious damage to the property of another on school 4 grounds. A person engages in harassment if, with intent to harass or with 5 knowledge that the person is harassing another person, the person 6 anonymously or otherwise contacts, communicates or causes a communication 7 with another person by verbal, electronic, mechanical, telephonic or 8 written means in a manner that harasses on school grounds or substantially 9 disrupts the school environment.

10 45. Each fiscal year, provide to each school district employee a 11 total compensation statement that is broken down by category of benefit or 12 payment and that includes, for that employee, at least all of the 13 following:

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(a) Base salary and any additional pay.

15 (b) Medical benefits and the value of any employer-paid portions of 16 insurance plan premiums.

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(c) Retirement benefit plans, including social security.

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(d) Legally required benefits.(e) Any paid leave.

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(f) Any other payment made to or on behalf of the employee.

(g) Any other benefit provided to the employee.

46. Develop and adopt in a public meeting policies to allow for visits, tours and observations of all classrooms by parents of enrolled pupils and parents who wish to enroll their children in the school district unless a visit, tour or observation threatens the health and safety of pupils and staff. These policies and procedures must be easily accessible from the home page on each school's website.

B. Notwithstanding subsection A, paragraphs 7, 9 and 11 of this section, the county school superintendent may construct, improve and furnish school buildings or purchase or sell school sites in the conduct of an accommodation school.

C. If any school district acquires real or personal property, whether by purchase, exchange, condemnation, gift or otherwise, the governing board shall pay to the county treasurer any taxes on the property that were unpaid as of the date of acquisition, including penalties and interest. The lien for unpaid delinquent taxes, penalties and interest on property acquired by a school district:

38 1. Is not abated, extinguished, discharged or merged in the title 39 to the property.

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2. Is enforceable in the same manner as other delinquent tax liens.

D. The governing board may not locate a school on property that is less than one-fourth mile from agricultural land regulated pursuant to section 3-365, except that the owner of the agricultural land may agree to comply with the buffer zone requirements of section 3-365. If the owner agrees in writing to comply with the buffer zone requirements and records the agreement in the office of the county recorder as a restrictive covenant running with the title to the land, the school district may locate a school within the affected buffer zone. The agreement may include any stipulations regarding the school, including conditions for future expansion of the school and changes in the operational status of the school that will result in a breach of the agreement.

E. A school district, its governing board members, its school council members and its employees are immune from civil liability for the consequences of adopting and implementing policies and procedures pursuant to subsection A of this section and section 15-342. This waiver does not apply if the school district, its governing board members, its school council members or its employees are guilty of gross negligence or intentional misconduct.

F. A governing board may delegate in writing to a superintendent, principal or head teacher the authority to prescribe procedures that are consistent with the governing board's policies.

17 G. Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a school 18 district governing board shall not take any action that would result in a reduction of pupil square footage unless the governing board notifies the 19 20 school facilities oversight board established by section 41-5701.02 of the 21 proposed action and receives written approval from the school facilities 22 oversight board to take the action. A reduction includes an increase in 23 administrative space that results in a reduction of pupil square footage 24 or sale of school sites or buildings, or both. A reduction includes a 25 reconfiguration of grades that results in a reduction of pupil square 26 footage of any grade level. This subsection does not apply to temporary 27 reconfiguration of grades to accommodate new school construction if the 28 temporary reconfiguration does not exceed one year. The sale of equipment 29 that results in a reduction that falls below the equipment requirements prescribed in section 41-5711, subsection B is subject to commensurate 30 31 withholding of school district district additional assistance monies pursuant to the direction of the school facilities oversight board. 32 Except as provided in section 15-342, paragraph 10, proceeds from the sale 33 34 of school sites, buildings or other equipment shall be deposited in the 35 school plant fund as provided in section 15-1102.

H. Subsections C through G of this section apply to a county board of supervisors and a county school superintendent when operating and administering an accommodation school.

I. A school district governing board may delegate authority in writing to the superintendent of the school district to submit plans for new school facilities to the school facilities oversight board for the purpose of certifying that the plans meet the minimum school facility adequacy guidelines prescribed in section 41-5711. 1 J. For the purposes of subsection A, paragraph 37 of this section, 2 attendance boundaries may not be used to require students to attend 3 certain schools based on the student's place of residence.

4 Sec. 2. Section 15-802.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 5 read:

6 7 15-802.01. <u>Homeschooled children; eligibility to participate</u> in interscholastic activities

8 Notwithstanding any other law, a child who resides within the Α. 9 attendance area of a public school and who is homeschooled shall be allowed to try out for interscholastic activities on behalf of the public 10 11 school in the same manner as a pupil STUDENT who is enrolled in that 12 school. Registration, age eligibility public requirements. fees. 13 insurance, transportation, physical condition, qualifications, responsibilities, event schedules, standards of behavior and performance 14 policies for homeschooled students shall be consistent with those policies 15 16 established for students enrolled in that public school. The individual 17 providing the primary instruction of a child who is homeschooled shall 18 submit written verification that provides:

19 1. Whether the student is receiving a passing grade in each course 20 or subject being taught.

21 2. Whether the student is maintaining satisfactory progress towards 22 TOWARD advancement or promotion.

B. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15-341, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 23 24 24, a child who is homeschooled and who was previously enrolled in a public, private or charter school shall be IS ineligible to participate in 25 26 interscholastic activities for the remainder of the school year during 27 which the child was enrolled in a school.

C. A school district shall not contract with any private entity 28 29 that supervises interscholastic activities if the private entity prohibits the participation of homeschooled children in interscholastic activities 30 31 at public, private or charter schools.