

PROPOSED
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1657
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Page 2, line 7, after "1." insert "SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF
2 EDUCATION,"

3 Line 9, after the period insert "EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15-763,"

4 Page 6, between lines 9 and 10, insert:

5 "Sec. 3. Section 15-763, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
6 read:

7 15-763. Plan for providing special education; definition

8 A. All school districts and charter schools shall develop policies
9 and procedures for providing special education to all children with
10 disabilities within the district or charter school. All children with
11 disabilities shall receive special education programming commensurate with
12 their abilities and needs. Each child WITH A DISABILITY shall be ensured
13 access to the general curriculum and an opportunity to meet the state's
14 academic standards. If appropriate to meet the needs of a pupil and to
15 ensure access to the general education curriculum, specially designed
16 instruction that is in accordance with a pupil's individualized education
17 program may be delivered in a variety of education settings by a general
18 education teacher or other certificated personnel provided that special
19 education personnel certificated pursuant to section 15-203 are involved in
20 the planning, progress monitoring and, when appropriate, ~~involved in the~~
21 delivery of the specially designed instruction. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION
22 15-701.01, SUBSECTION B, pupils who receive special education ~~shall~~ ARE not
23 ~~be~~ required to achieve passing scores on the statewide assessment or the
24 test that is identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test
25 under section 15-701.01 in order to graduate from high school unless the
26 pupil is learning at a level appropriate for the pupil's grade level in a
27 specific academic area and unless a passing score on the statewide
28 assessment or the test that is identical to the civics portion of the

1 naturalization test under section 15-701.01 is specifically required in a
2 specific academic area by the pupil's individualized education program as
3 mutually agreed on by the pupil's parents and the pupil's individualized
4 education program team or the pupil, if the pupil is at least eighteen
5 years of age. The pupil's individualized education program shall include
6 any necessary testing accommodations. Special education services shall be
7 provided at no cost to the parents of children with disabilities.

8 B. The state board of education shall adopt guidelines to define a
9 parent's or guardian's role or a pupil's role, if the pupil is at least
10 eighteen years of age, in the development of a pupil's section 504 plan as
11 defined in section 15-731, including testing and testing accommodations.

12 C. For the purposes of determining the services to pupils served by
13 private schools under existing federal law, the state shall consider the
14 term to include homeschooled pupils.

15 D. If federal monies are provided to a school district or a charter
16 school for special education services to homeschooled or private schooled
17 pupils, the school district or charter school shall provide the services to
18 both the homeschooled pupils and the private schooled pupils in the same
19 manner.

20 E. For the purposes of this section, "special education" has the
21 same meaning prescribed in section 15-1201."

22 Renumber to conform

23 Amend title to conform

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