

REFERENCE TITLE: school letter grades; student discipline

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SB 1459

Introduced by
Senator Kavanagh

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-746.01; RELATING TO SCHOOL ASSESSMENT AND
ACCOUNTABILITY.

(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 7, article 3, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-746.01, to read:

4 15-746.01. Student discipline; teacher referrals; annual
5 report; reduction in letter grade

6 A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL IN THIS STATE SHALL:

7 1. INCLUDE IN EVERY STUDENT HANDBOOK A RUBRIC FOR STUDENT
8 DISCIPLINE.

9 2. ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ALL OF THE
10 FOLLOWING:

11 (a) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE REFERRALS SUBMITTED BY
12 TEACHERS IN EACH SCHOOL THAT IS OPERATED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER
13 SCHOOL.

14 (b) THE NUMBER OF THE REFERRALS REPORTED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION
15 (a) OF THIS PARAGRAPH FOR WHICH THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION IMPLEMENTED THE
16 TEACHER'S RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR ANOTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION.
17 FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION DOES NOT INCLUDE
18 SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING OR RESTORATIVE DISCIPLINE.

19 (c) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE REFERRALS REPORTED PURSUANT TO
20 SUBDIVISION (a) OF THIS PARAGRAPH FOR WHICH THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION DID
21 NOT IMPLEMENT THE TEACHER'S RECOMMENDED DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR ANY OTHER
22 ACTION.

23 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REDUCE THE LETTER GRADE ASSIGNED TO A
24 SCHOOL THAT IS OPERATED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL PURSUANT TO
25 SECTION 15-241 BY TWO LETTER GRADES IF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

26 1. THE SCHOOL DOES NOT IMPLEMENT DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS DESCRIBED IN
27 SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 2, SUBDIVISION (b) OF THIS SECTION IN AT LEAST
28 SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE REFERRALS IN A SINGLE SCHOOL
29 YEAR.

30 2. THE SCHOOL HAS NO REASONABLE JUSTIFICATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE
31 DEPARTMENT, FOR IMPLEMENTING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IN FEWER THAN
32 SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE REFERRALS IN A SINGLE SCHOOL
33 YEAR.