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HOUSE BILL 2863

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-1306; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF
AND THE BLIND.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Heading change

3 The chapter heading of title 15, chapter 11, Arizona Revised
4 Statutes, is changed from "ARIZONA STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE
5 BLIND" to "ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND".

6 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 11, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
7 is amended by adding section 15-1306, to read:

8 15-1306. Arizona state schools for the deaf and the blind;
9 local education agency

10 THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND CAMPUSES ARE
11 CONSIDERED LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

12 1. FEDERAL EDUCATION FUNDING RECEIVED BY THIS STATE.

13 2. STATE AND FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY, INCLUDING REPORTING
14 REQUIREMENTS.

15 3. PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS AND STATE COMPLAINT PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO
16 34 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS PART 300.

17 4. GRADUATION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING DIPLOMAS AND
18 TRANSCRIPTS.

19 Sec. 3. Legislative intent

20 The intent of section 15-1306, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by
21 this act, is to recognize the Arizona state schools for the deaf and blind
22 campuses as the local education agencies responsible for providing a free
23 and appropriate public education for enrolled pupils pursuant to the
24 individuals with disabilities education act. It is the intent of the
25 legislature that the home school district of a pupil enrolled in the
26 Arizona state schools for the deaf and blind remains a resource for the
27 pupil's individualized education program team. The legislature recognizes
28 that the board of directors for the Arizona state schools for the deaf and
29 blind is currently working on a strategic plan. Once the strategic plan
30 is complete, the legislature may need to readdress the current structure
31 to ensure that the legislature aligns with the strategic plan and purpose
32 of the Arizona state schools for the deaf and blind in order to address
33 the best interests of enrolled pupils.