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>>SIGNIFIES NEW ADDITIONS TO THIS WEEK'S REPORT

Bill and Subject	Status and Comments
<p><u>HB 2011</u>: SCHOOLS; TEACHERS; PUPILS; DISCIPLINE Teachers are granted the authority to remove pupils from the classroom and suspend pupils, and a teacher's decision to remove or suspend a pupil is not subject to review or appeal by any other person or entity. Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore. ARS Title 15.</p>	1/10 Referred to House Education, Employment & Regulatory Affairs Committees
<p><u>HB 2013</u>: ALTCS; RESPITE CARE; YEARLY LIMITATION Respite care services provided under the Arizona Long Term Care System are limited to 360 hours per calendar year. Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore. ARS Title 36.</p>	1/9 Referred to House Health & Human Services Committee
<p><u>HB 2029</u>: CHILD CARE; DAY CAMPS; EXEMPTION The list of entities exempt from child care licensure is expanded to include facilities that operate a day camp providing recreational education to children who are at least 3 years of age under specified conditions. Sponsor: Rep. Kavanagh. ARS Title 36.</p>	1/9 Referred to House Health & Human Services Committee
<p><u>HB 2039</u>: SCHOOL DISTRICTS; NONCERTIFICATED TEACHERS Schools may employ teachers who do not have a certificate for teaching granted by the State Board of Education. Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore. ARS Title 15.</p>	1/10 Referred to House Education Committee

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<p><u>HB 2040</u>: SCHOOL DISTRICTS; MEET & CONFER Statute authorizing school boards to make employment decisions cannot be construed to allow school boards to meet and confer with representatives of labor organizations. Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/10 Referred to House Education, Employment & Regulatory Affairs Committees</p>
<p><u>HB 2041</u>: SCHOOLS; CURRICULUM; FREE ENTERPRISE; CONSTITUTION; FINANCE The course on the U.S. Constitution and Arizona Constitution that school districts and charter schools are required to offer to high school students for at least one full school year must also include instruction on the arguments in the Federalist Papers. Beginning in the 2014-2015 school year, students cannot obtain a high school diploma without passing this course. Beginning with students entering high school in the 2012-2013 school year, students must also pass a one semester course on the free enterprise system developed by the State Board of Education. Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, students must also pass a personal finance course as part of mathematics curriculum. The Department of Education must submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by September 15, 2014 on the implementation of free enterprise instruction. Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/10 Referred to House Education Committee</p>

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<p><u>HB 2075</u>: SCHOOLS; CONSOLIDATION; UNIFICATION By September 15, 2013, each county school superintendent must complete a feasibility study on the unification and/or consolidation of the school districts within that county, and provide a copy to all school boards in the county. Requirements for the feasibility study are specified. By June 30, 2015, school boards, in cooperation with other school boards in the county, are required to develop, adopt and publish a plan to unify and/or consolidate and submit the plan to the county school superintendent. Districts that are unified or consolidated without an election are authorized to increase the revenue control limit and district support level for the first 3 years of operation by specified amounts. The authority to form and operate union high school districts ends on June 30, 2017, with some exceptions. Includes options for union high school districts after that date. Additionally, the exemption from the general budget limit for small school districts is repealed July 1, 2020, and session law provides for budget revision reductions for these districts in fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Each school board is required to annually determine the cost savings resulting from consolidation and unification, which is retained by the district and must be used for classroom expenditures, with at least 25% for teacher salaries. Appropriates \$250 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2012-2013 to each county with a population of 500,000 persons or less and \$750 million to each county with a population of more than 500,000 persons for implementation. Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/11 Referred to House Education, Appropriations Committees</p>
<p><u>HB 2134</u>: SCHOOL PUPILS; FOOD HANDLERS; IDENTIFICATION If a governmental entity requires a person who is handling food, preparing food or supervising food preparation to obtain a food handler's card, a student who is doing so as a classroom activity or as part of a school-sponsored extracurricular activity cannot be required to furnish any additional identification other than the identification issued by the school. Sponsors: Rep. R. Miranda & 2. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/19 Referred to House Education, Health & Human Services Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2135</u>: SCHOOLS; BULLYING; SEXUAL ORIENTATION; ENFORCEMENT School board policies and procedures on bullying must include bullying based on actual or perceived sexual orientation. A school administrator who fails to follow school board policies and procedures on bullying is guilty of unprofessional conduct and the administrator's certificate is revoked. Sponsors: Rep. C. Miranda & 4; Sen. Jackson. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/19 Referred to House Education Committee</p>

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<p><u>HB 2138</u>: SCHOOL DAY; ADDITIONAL HOUR School districts are required to add one instructional hour to every school day or the equivalent thereof to the school year. Sponsors: Rep. C. Miranda & 4. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/19 Referred to House Education, Appropriations Committees</p>
<p><u>HB 2139</u>: SCHOOL BOARD AGENDAS; POSTING; TIME A school board is required to make their agenda available to the public three days prior to a meeting, instead of 24 hours prior, except in an "actual emergency" (defined). Sponsors: Rep. C. Miranda & 6. ARS Title 38.</p>	<p>1/17 Referred to House Education Committee</p> <p><u>Hearing:</u> <i>House Education Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, House Rm. 3</i></p>
<p><u>HB 2140</u>: OATH; SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS Beginning in 2013, if a school board member has not subscribed to the oath of office by January 1 of the year following the person's election, the county school superintendent shall declare the office vacant and shall appoint a replacement. Sponsors: Rep. C. Miranda & 5. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/19 Referred to House Education Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2141</u>: 8TH GRADE PROMOTION CERTIFICATES The county school superintendent is no longer required to furnish and sign promotion certificates when requested by the school board. A school district is allowed to conduct an eighth grade promotion ceremony. Sponsors: Rep. C. Miranda & 1. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/19 Referred to House Education, Government Committees</p>
<p><u>HB 2142</u>: SCHOOLS; STUDENT BEHAVIOR THREAT ASSESSMENTS By January 1, 2014 the state board of education is required to adopt a student behavior threat assessment, designed for the purpose of gathering information in order to determine intervention strategies for a particular student. By January 1, 2015 each school board is required to hold a meeting to consider adopting the Board's assessment. Sponsors: Rep. C. Miranda & 1. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/19 Referred to House Education, Military Affairs & Public Safety Committees</p>
<p><u>HB 2143</u>: HIGH SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION School boards are required to issue a certificate of completion of high school to students who have not obtained sufficient scores on the AIMS test, but have satisfied all the other requirements by the State Board of Education and the school board to graduate. Sponsors: Rep. C. Miranda & 3. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/19 Referred to House Education Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2145</u>: SCHOOLS; PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT REQUIREMENT A parent or guardian of each student is required to contribute at least 30 hours of classroom assistance each school year. Sponsors: Rep. C. Miranda & 1. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/19 Referred to House Government, Education Committees</p>

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<p><u>HB 2147</u>: SCHOOL FINANCE; AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE For school finance purposes, "average daily membership" is deleted and replaced with "average daily attendance," defined as actual average daily attendance of fractional and full-time students through the first 185 days in session. Sponsors: Rep. Seel & 1. ARS Titles 15, 16.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2161</u>: TEACHERS; SPECIALIZED CERTIFICATION Board of Education rules governing teacher certification must provide for the issuance of a specialized teaching certificate to classroom teachers with expertise in science, technology, engineering or mathematics. Eligibility requirements for the specialized certificate are specified. A teacher with a specialized certificate may provide instruction in his/her field of expertise in grades seven through twelve at any public school in Arizona. Sponsors: Rep. Carter & 8. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education Committee 1/23 Passed House Education Committee 1/30 Passed House Rules Committee 2/2 Passed House Committee of the Whole with floor amendment #4152</p>
<p><u>HB 2171</u>: SCHOOL; HOT LINE; CLEARINGHOUSE; REPEAL Repeals statutes establishing the public school information hot line and school safety clearinghouse, which terminated on July 1, 2009 and July 1, 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Brophy McGee. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/23 Referred to House Education Committee 1/23 Passed House Education Committee with amendment #4042 1/30 Passed House Rules Committee 2/2 Passed House Committee of the Whole with amendment #4042</p>
<p><u>HB 2172</u>: SCHOOLS; AIMS INTERVENTION; TECHNOLOGY PILOT; REPEAL Repeals statutes establishing the AIMS intervention and dropout prevention program and the instructional technology systems pilot program, which terminated July 1, 2010. Sponsor: Rep. Brophy McGe. ARS Title 15.</p>	
<p><u>HB 2180</u>: SCHOOLS; PILOT; OUTCOME-BASED FUNDING The State Board of Education is required to establish a four-year pilot program for outcome-based funding for schools. After a competitive application process, five school districts and five charter schools will be selected to participate in the program each school year. Each school will receive up to \$6,500 for each student in kindergarten through eighth grade and up to \$7,500 for students in grades nine through twelve, plus an additional \$250 per student with specified grades. Makes an appropriation (blank in original) from the general fund in fiscal year 2013-2014 to the Board for the program. Self-repeals September 15, 2019. Sponsors: Rep. Crandell & 4; Sen. Allen. ARS Title 41.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education, Appropriations Committees 1/23 Passed House Education Committee with amendment #4043; ready for House Appropriations Committee</p>

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<p><u>HB 2181</u>: HIGHER EDUCATION VOUCHERS Formulas for calculating state aid to community college districts and universities are deleted and replaced with a voucher amount (blank in original) per full-time equivalent student. The Arizona Board of Regents is required to issue a voucher equivalent to the average in-state tuition rate to higher education students meeting specified requirements, which students may use for payment of tuition and fees at any accredited public or private postsecondary education institution in Arizona. Makes an appropriation (blank in original) from the general fund in fiscal year 2012-2013 to ABOR for the cost of vouchers. Sponsors: Rep. Crandell & 1. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Higher Education, Innovation & Reform, Appropriations Committees</p>
<p><u>HB 2182</u>: JTEDS; OUTCOME BASED FUNDING; DEGREES School districts and Joint Technical Education Districts will receive 50 percent of the statutory per pupil funding for students in a vocational education program or JTED program until the pupil obtains certification in a vocation or industry, at which point the school district or JTED will receive the remaining funding for the current fiscal year and each of the previous fiscal years in which the pupil was enrolled in the program or JTED. JTEDs are authorized to award community college credit for career and technical education courses. School districts and Joint Vocational Education Districts are required to establish advisory committees to set curriculum standards. Sponsors: Rep. Crandell & 2. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2260</u>: SCHOOLS; ADM CALCULATIONS Beginning July 1, 2013, the definition of "average daily membership" (ADM) is modified to remove the total enrollment count on March 15. If a student is enrolled in a school district or charter school and also participates in online instruction, the ADM for the student in both programs cannot exceed 1.25, and formulas for apportioning the ADM between the school and the online instruction are established. The ADM of a student who participates only in online instruction cannot exceed 1.0 and formulas for determining funding for online instruction are established. Sponsors: Rep. Carter & 4; Sen. Crandall. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education, Appropriations Committees</p> <p><i>Hearing:</i> <i>House Education Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, House Rm. 3</i></p>
<p><u>HB 2271</u>: TAX CREDIT; SCHOOLS; DUAL ENROLLMENT Contributions to public schools that qualify for the individual income tax credit may be used to support dual enrollment courses. Sponsor: Rep. Goodale. ARS Title 43.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education Committee</p>

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<p><u>HB 2292</u>: SCHOOLS; SINGLE ACHIEVEMENT PROFILE Repeals session law requiring school districts and charter schools to be designated by both the terminated achievement profile system (performing, underperforming, etc) and the grade letter achievement profile system for academic years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. (Effect will be to transition immediately to the grade letter system only). Emergency clause. Sponsor: Rep. D. Smith. ARS Titles 15, 41.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2339</u>: TAX CREDIT; PUBLIC SCHOOL ACTIVITIES The individual income tax credit for contributions to public schools may be used for any educational activities sponsored and sanctioned by the school, instead of only extracurricular activities or character education programs. Sponsors: Rep. Jones & 10. ARS Title 43.</p>	<p>1/17 Referred to House Ways & Means, Education Committees</p>
<p><u>HB 2463</u>: SCHOOL DISTRICTS; PAYCHECKS; DUES PAYMENTS The prohibition on school districts spending money for membership in an association that attempts to influence elections does not apply to membership in a chamber of commerce. Sponsor: Rep. Pratt. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education Committee 1/30 Held in House Education Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2496</u>: SCHOOLS; ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES; INFORMATION The Superintendent of Public Instruction is required to provide specified information about advanced placement courses to school districts. Sponsors: Rep. Meyer & 7. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Technology & Infrastructure, Education Committees</p>
<p><u>HB 2497</u>: SCHOOL TEACHERS; MULTIYEAR CONTRACTS School boards are authorized to offer teaching contracts for a term of employment from one to three years in duration. Teachers may accept a multiyear contract or decline and accept a one-year contract. Sponsors: Rep. Meyer & 2. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education, Government Committees 1/31 Passed House Education Committee with amendment #4110; ready for House Government Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2500</u>: SCHOOLS; POORLY PERFORMING; INTERVENTION STRATEGY A school that is assigned a letter grade of D or F for two consecutive years must implement a science, technology, engineering and mathematics intervention strategy under the supervision of the State Board of Education. Sponsors: Rep. Yee & 3; Sen. Crandall & 1. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education Committee</p>

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<p><u>HB 2501</u>: CHARTER SCHOOLS; PREVIOUSLY CERTIFICATED TEACHERS Charter schools may employ teachers whose certificate has been surrendered or revoked if the certificate has been subsequently reinstated. A charter school and its officers and employees are immune from civil liability with respect to actions taken in good faith to determine whether a certificate has been surrendered or revoked. Sponsors: Rep. Yee & 3. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education Committee 1/31 Passed House Education Committee; ready for House Rules Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2502</u>: TAX CREDIT; SCHOOLS; SOFT CAPITAL For tax years 2013 and 2014, creates a corporate income tax credit for soft capital donated to a public school. The credit amount is the fair market value of the donation up to \$10,000 per tax year, with an aggregate maximum of \$5 million per tax year. Sponsors: Rep. Yee & 1; Sen. Nelson. ARS Titles 15, 41.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Ways & Means Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2505</u>: SCHOOLS; FINANCIAL LITERACY; MARKETS CAPITALISM High school mathematics standards must include financial literacy, and high school social studies standards must include free market economics and the history of capitalism. Sponsor: Rep. Yee. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education Committee <u>Hearing:</u> <i>House Education Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, House Rm. 3</i></p>
<p><u>HB 2563</u>: SCHOOLS; ELECTIVE; BIBLICAL INFLUENCE The State Board of Education is required to prescribe requirements for a high school course designated as "The Bible and its Influence on Western Culture." Components of the course and teacher requirements are specified. Sponsor: Rep. Proud. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education Committee 1/31 Passed House Education Committee with amendment #4111 <u>Hearing:</u> <i>House Rules Committee, Monday, February 6 at 1:00 pm, House Rm. 4</i></p>
<p><u>HB 2583</u>: TAX CREDIT; TEACHERS; SCHOOL SUPPLIES Establishes an individual income tax credit for qualified teachers for the amount they paid for certain school supplies. Sponsors: Rep. Dial & 3; Sen. McComish. ARS Title 43.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Ways & Means Committee <u>Hearing:</u> <i>House Ways & Means Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, House Rm. 1</i></p>
<p><u>HB 2598</u>: SCHOOLS; CLASSIFICATION LABELS; PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT The extent to which a school attempts to involve parents is included as an academic performance indicator for a school achievement profile. Sponsor: Rep. Mesnard. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Education Committee</p>

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<p><u>HB 2599</u>: SCHOOL INSTRUCTION; PERSONAL FINANCE Certain aspects of personal finance are required to be incorporated into high school curriculum. Sponsor: Rep. Mesnard. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/17 Referred to House Education Committee</p> <p><u>Hearing:</u> <i>House Education Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, House Rm. 3</i></p>
<p><u>HB 2600</u>: TEACHERS; LIABILITY INSURANCE By December 31, 2012, the Department of Administration is required to contract with an insurance carrier to provide statewide personal liability insurance to teachers. Beginning January 1, 2013 any teacher employed by a school district may apply to receive this liability insurance. Makes an appropriation (blank in original) from the general fund in fiscal year 2012-13 to the Department for the cost of supplying the insurance. Sponsor: Rep. Mesnard. ARS Title 41.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Appropriations Committee</p>
<p><u>HB 2626</u>: EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS; EXPANSION Expands the definition of "qualified student" for the purpose of empowerment scholarship accounts to add students attending a school with a letter grade of D or F and children with parents in the U.S. military. A student who has previously qualified for an empowerment scholarship account remains eligible to apply for renewal until the student finishes high school. Sponsors: Rep. Lesko & 5; Sen. Gould & 4. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/18 Referred to House Ways & Means Committee</p> <p><u>Hearing:</u> <i>House Ways & Means Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, House Rm. 1</i></p>
<p><u>HB 2628</u>: UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE; EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCIES Unemployment insurance benefits based on service for an educational service agency cannot be paid for any week of unemployment that begins during a period between two successive academic years if there is a reasonable assurance that the individual will perform the same services in the second year. In specified circumstances, if the individual is not offered an opportunity to perform the services in the second year, s/he is entitled to retroactive benefit payments. Sponsors: Rep. Lesko & 11; Sen. Murphy. ARS Title 23.</p>	<p>1/17 Referred to House Banking & Insurance, Employment & Regulatory Affairs Committees 1/23 Passed House Banking & Insurance Committee 1/25 Withdrawn from House Employment & Regulatory Affairs Committees</p>
<p><u>HB 2697</u>: TEACHERS; CERTIFICATION; SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE By January 1, 2013, the State Board of Education is required to establish a process for persons with experience in science, technology, engineering or mathematics to obtain a secondary education certification to teach in rural communities. The Board may exempt these persons from taking the proficiency exam. Sponsors: Rep. Yee & 7; Sen. L. Gray & 1. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/30 Referred to House Education Committee</p>

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<p>>><u>HB 2706</u>: 3RD GRADE PROMOTION; PARENTAL EXEMPTION The list of good cause exemptions that may be used to promote a student from third grade show score on the reading portion of AIMS is far below the third grade level is modified to remove the option for school boards to grant an exemption based on a parent's request and specified supporting documentation, and to add an option for the student to demonstrate through a portfolio that s/he is reading at grade level. Sponsors: Rep. Yee & 6. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to House Education Committee</p>
<p>>><u>HB 2707</u>: SCHOOLS; ADM OVERSTATEMENT; REPAYMENT A school district that overstated its average daily membership during fiscal years 2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 is required to correct the overstatement over a three-year period beginning in fiscal year 2013-2014 and ending in fiscal year 2015-2016. Applies to school districts meeting a list of specific requirements. Emergency clause. Sponsors: Rep. Judd & 2. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to House Education, Appropriations Committees</p>
<p>>><u>HB 2712</u>: SCHOOLS; LIBRARIES; COMPUTER ACCESS Public schools and public libraries with public access computers are required to use technology that blocks or filters internet access to visual depictions that are child pornography, harmful to minors, or obscene. If, within 60 days after notice of a violation, a school fails to comply with this requirement, the Department of Education may withhold up to 10 percent of the district's or charter school's monthly apportionment of state aid until the school is in compliance. If, within 60 days after notice of a violation, a library fails to comply with this requirement, the appropriate department or agency may withhold up to 10 percent of the library's monthly apportionment of public monies until the library is in compliance. Sponsor: Rep. Court. ARS Title 34.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to House Technology & Infrastructure Committee</p>
<p>>><u>HB 2747</u>: SCHOOLS; COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE; AGE INCREASE School attendance is mandatory for children if they are between six and 18 years of age (formerly, between six and 16) unless the child has obtained a high school diploma or G.E.D. or has graduated from a home school program. Sponsors: Rep. Patterso & 4. ARS Title 15.</p>	
<p>>><u>HB 2758</u>: JTED FUNDING; 9TH GRADERS Ninth grade students enrolled in JTED courses are no longer prohibited from being included in the JTED's student count or average daily membership. Sponsors: Rep. Wheeler & 21. ARS Title 15.</p>	

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<p><u>HCR 2006</u>: PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION PROGRAMS The 2012 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend the state Constitution to permit public money to be used for tuition to private, religious schools by pupils who had been in public schools whose average classroom size exceeded 34 pupils, by pupils with disabilities and by pupils who have been in foster care. The Department of Education is instructed to provide annual tuition in the amount of \$5,500 with an annual inflation adjustment. Provides an exemption from the constitutional prohibition against public money being appropriated for religious instruction. Sponsor: Rep. Fillmore. ARS Title 98.</p>	<p>1/23 Referred to House Education Committee</p>
<p><u>HCR 2045</u>: ARIZONA SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK The members of the Legislature proclaim the week of January 22, 2012 as School Choice Week in Arizona and honor teachers and education administrators for their efforts to educate Arizona's children. Sponsors: Rep. Montenegro & 3. ARS Title 99.</p>	<p>1/23 Unanimously adopted by House 1/25 Unanimously adopted by Senate 1/25 SENT TO SECRETARY OF STATE</p>
<p><u>SB 1033</u>: SCHOOLS; ELL INSTRUCTION; HOURLY REQUIREMENTS Schools may reduce the daily English language development instruction for students classified as intermediate at the end of the first year of the English language learner program to two hours per day, from four. For ELL students classified as basic or below for two or more years, schools are required to reassess the student and determine an appropriate plan of English language development, including two to four hours per day of instruction. Sponsor: Sen. Barto. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>2/2 PASSED SENATE 29-0; READY FOR HOUSE</p>
<p><u>SB 1035</u>: SCHOOLS; ATHLETICS; HEAT SAFETY Policies and procedures that school boards must develop relating to the health and safety of students participating in athletics are required to include guidelines and training for coaches, parents, and students on the dangers of dehydration, heat stroke, and other heat-related conditions. Sponsor: Sen. L. Gray. ARS Title 12.</p>	<p>2/2 PASSED SENATE 20-9; READY FOR HUSE</p>
<p><u>SB 1037</u>: JUVENILE CORRECTIONS; EDUCATION The Department of Juvenile Corrections is required to assign each committed youth and youth placed on conditional liberty to an appropriate educational program. Sponsor: Sen. L. Gray. ARS Title 41.</p>	<p>1/19 PASSED SENATE 28-0; READY FOR HOUSE</p>

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<p><u>SB 1047</u>: TAX CREDIT; SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATIONS Creates a new income tax credit of up to \$500 for individuals or \$1000 for married couples filing jointly for contributions to certified school tuition organizations. Taxpayers may not take the current credit for contributions to STO's and the new credit for the same contribution, but may take both credits if contributions exceed the amount allowed by the current credit. At least 90 percent of contributions made under the new credit must be used for scholarships or tuition grants for students in specified circumstances, including students with disabilities and dependents of members of the U.S. military. Retroactive to January 1, 2012. Sponsors: Sen. Murphy & 2; Rep. Lesko & 1. ARS Title 43. AS PASSED SENATE.</p>	<p>1/19 PASSED SENATE 19-9 2/2 Referred to House Ways & Means Committee</p> <p><u>Hearing:</u> <i>House Ways & Means Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, House Rm. 1</i></p>
<p><u>SB 1048</u>: STOS; CREDITS; ADMINISTRATION The tax credit for corporate contributions to school tuition organizations may be taken for contributions of treasury stock. The list of students who may receive STO educational scholarships or tuition grants is expanded to include students enrolled in a preschool program for students with disabilities and students who are dependents of members of the U.S. military stationed in Arizona. STOs are prohibited from knowingly colluding to circumvent the statutory limits on the amount of educational scholarships or tuition grants to individual students. Effective July 1, 2012. Sponsors: Sen. Murphy & 2; Rep. Lesko & 1. ARS Titles 20, 43. AS PASSED SENATE.</p>	<p>1/19 PASSED SENATE 19-9 2/2 Referred to House Ways & Means Committee</p> <p><u>Hearing:</u> <i>House Ways & Means Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, House Rm. 1</i></p>
<p><u>SB 1059</u>: SCHOOL PROPERTY; COMMUNITY USE; LIABILITY The owners of outdoor school grounds that are open to recreational users during noninstructional hours are not liable to the users except on a showing of willful, malicious or grossly negligent conduct that was a direct cause of injury to the user. Excludes swimming pools and other aquatic features. Sponsors: Sen. Crandall & 2. ARS Title 33.</p>	<p>1/10 Referred to Senate Education Committee 1/24 Passed Senate Education Committee with amendment #4047 1/31 Passed Senate Rules Committee; ready for Senate Committee of the Whole</p>
<p><u>SB 1060</u>: SCHOOL DISTRICTS; PROCUREMENT PRACTICES School districts are authorized to establish an internal service fund that allows a district eligible for Title I monies to consolidate those monies with other monies to implement a program that focuses on improving the academic performance of all pupils. The fund is exempt from the general and aggregate budget limits. Also establishes a maximum amount of \$1 million for an individual job order for job-order-contracting construction services for school districts. Sponsors: Sen. Crandall & 2. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/10 Referred to Senate Education Committee 1/17 Passed Senate Education Committee 1/24 Passed Senate Rules Committee 1/26 Passed Senate Committee of the Whole</p>

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<p><u>SB 1061</u>: NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM ; OPTIONAL Elementary schools, middle schools and junior high schools are allowed, rather than required, to participate in the national school lunch program. High schools are also authorized to participate in the program. Sponsors: Sen. Crandall & 2. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/10 Referred to Senate Education Committee 1/17 Passed Senate Education Committee 1/24 Passed Senate Rules Committee 1/26 Passed Senate Committee of the Whole with floor amendment #4081</p>
<p><u>SB 1066</u>: SCHOOLS; GOVERNOR'S COMMUNITY SERVICE CITATION The State Board of Education and the Governor's Office are required to establish procedures to encourage students to perform 200 hours of community service in order to apply for a community service citation from the Governor. School boards are required to adopt procedures for students who wish to apply for the citation. Sponsor: Sen. Schapira. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/10 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>
<p><u>SB 1185</u>: SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER; DUTY OBSTRUCTION The Department of Education cannot distribute monies for the school safety program to any school district that has obstructed or hindered the performance of a school resource officer, or the enforcement of a penal law or the preservation of peace by a school resource officer. Sponsors: Sen. L. Gray & 4; Rep. Yee. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/19 Referred to Senate Education Committee <u>Hearing:</u> <i>Senate Education Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, Senate Rm. 3</i></p>
<p><u>SB 1255</u>: SCHOOL COURSES; MASTERY OF COMPETENCY The State Board of Education is required to adopt rules to define competency-based educational pathways that may be used by schools. The Board is authorized to enter into an agreement with a private organization to carry out this requirement. Establishes required components of the rules. Sponsor: Sen. Crandall. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/24 Referred to Senate Education Committee 1/31 Passed Senate Education Committee <u>Hearing:</u> <i>Senate Rules Committee, Monday, February 6 at 1:00 pm, Senate Caucus Rm.</i></p>
<p><u>SB 1257</u>: TAX CREDIT; CHARTER SCHOOLS Creates an individual and corporate income tax credit for contributions to a "qualified charter school" (defined as those assigned a letter grade of A or B and designated as an alternative school) for the support of "qualified expenses" (defined). The credit is up to \$500 for a single individual or head of household and up to \$1000 for a married couple filing jointly or a corporation. Sponsors: Sen. Crandall & 1. ARS Title 43.</p>	<p>1/24 Referred to Senate Finance Committee</p>

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<p><u>SB 1258</u>: THIRD GRADE PROMOTIONS; REQUIREMENTS; EXCEPTIONS</p> <p>The list of good cause exemptions that may be used to promote a student from third grade whose score on the reading portion of AIMS is far below the third grade level is modified to remove the option for school boards to grant an exemption based on a parent's request and specified supporting documentation. Sponsor: Sen. Crandall. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/24 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>
<p><u>SB 1259</u>: ONLINE COURSES; REQUIREMENTS; FUNDING</p> <p>For school years 2012-13 and 2013-14, school districts and charter schools are required to allow students in grades 7 through 12 to enroll in up to two online courses each academic year. Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, the State Board of Education must determine the maximum number of online courses students may take. Establishes requirements for online course providers to receive state and local education funding. The Department of Education is required to issue a request for proposals by December 31, 2012 for online course providers that wish to offer online courses under this system. Sponsor: Sen. Crandall. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/24 Referred to Senate Education, Appropriations Committees</p>
<p><u>SB 1260</u>: K-12 TEACHERS; COMMUNITY COLLEGE INSTRUCTORS</p> <p>School districts are authorized to employ a person who does not have a teaching certificate to provide classroom instruction if the person is currently employed or has been employed within the previous 10 years by a community college district as an instructor, and the person obtains a valid fingerprint clearance card. Sponsor: Sen. Crandall. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/24 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>
<p><u>SB 1261</u>: PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS; CHARTER SCHOOLS</p> <p>Charter schools are authorized to provide a preschool program for children with disabilities who attend the charter school. Sponsor: Sen. Crandall. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/24 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>
<p><u>SB 1272</u>: FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN; FUNDING</p> <p>Establishes a group B support level weight of 1.352 for kindergarten programs and appropriates \$218 million from the general fund in fiscal year 2012-2013 to the Department of Education to fund it. Sponsor: Sen. Lujan. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/25 Referred to Senate Appropriations, Education Committees</p>

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<p><u>SB 1370</u>: TAX CREDIT; PUBLIC SCHOOL ACTIVITIES The authorized use for contributions to public schools used to claim the income tax credit is expanded to include any educational activities sponsored and sanctioned by the school, instead of only extracurricular activities or character education programs. Public schools are no longer required to annually report contribution information to the Department of Revenue. Sponsor: Sen. Shooter. ARS Title 43.</p>	<p>1/26 Referred to Senate Finance Committee</p>
<p><u>SB 1377</u>: TAX CREDIT; SCHOOLS; CLASSROOM EXPENSES The authorized uses of contributions to public schools used for the individual income tax credit is expanded to include "direct classroom expenses" (defined) and expenses associated with the administration of extracurricular activities. Sponsors: Sen. Shooter; Rep. Jones. ARS Title 43.</p>	<p>1/26 Referred to Senate Finance Committee</p>
<p>>><u>SB 1389</u>: SCHOOLS; PARENTAL INTERVENTION For schools with a letter grade of D or F, the parents of students attending that school and any school that feeds into that school may submit a petition to the school board to request that the board close the school, convert the school to a charter school, or replace the school principal. If at least one parent in more than 50 percent of households with children enrolled in the school signs the petition, the school board is required to take the action requested within 30 days. Sponsors: Sen. Klein & 7; Rep. Barton & 6. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/30 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>
<p>>><u>SB 1396</u>: ADE; TEACHERS; LIABILITY INSURANCE The Department of Education is required to issue a request for proposals to insurance carriers to provide statewide personal liability insurance to teachers employed by school districts to cover conduct that falls outside of a teacher's scope of employment. By December 31, 2012, the Department must award a contract, and any teacher may authorize the school district to withhold a portion of wages for the purpose of purchasing the insurance. Sponsor: Sen. Murphy.</p>	<p>1/30 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>
<p>>><u>SB 1397</u>: JTEDS; ALTERNATIVE ELECTION SYSTEM If an alternative election system is implemented for the election of JTED board members, JTED employees or their spouses cannot hold board membership, and members of the JTED board are ineligible to be a candidate or serve simultaneously as a member of any other school board or JTED board. Sponsor: Sen. Murphy. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/30 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>

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<p>>>SB 1398: COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT; ELECTION CANCELLATION If a county school superintendent announces to the public that an election will be held to fill a school board vacancy, the election may be canceled only by the county board of supervisors. Sponsor: Sen. Murphy. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/30 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>
<p>>>SB 1399: COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT; QUALIFICATIONS The qualifications for the office of county school superintendent are changed to remove the requirement to hold a teaching certificate and instead require a person to be a county resident who is at least 30 years of age. Sponsor: Sen. Murphy. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/30 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>
<p>>>SB 1435: EDUCATION STATUTES; STUDY; REPORT By September 15, 2012, the State Board of Education is required to enter into an agreement with a public or private entity to conduct a study to reduce statutory educational barriers and enable the adoption of e-learning to enhance student academic performance. Establishes requirements for the study and requires a report to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by June 30, 2013. The Board is authorized to distribute up to \$4 million to the entity selected to conduct the study, if sufficient monies are appropriated or available. Sponsors: Sen. Nelson & 8; Rep. Alston & 9. ARS Title 41.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>
<p>>>SB 1436: OFFICE OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION The State Board of Education is required to establish an Office of Minister of Education and hire a Minister of Education to provide leadership on the innovative adoption of e-learning in the public education system in Arizona. Establishes minimum qualifications for the Minister of Education. The Board is authorized to use up to \$4 million for the initial establishment and operation of the Office, if sufficient monies are appropriated or available. Sponsors: Sen. Nelson & 2; Rep. Alstone & 3. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to Senate Education, Appropriations Committees</p>
<p>>>SB 1443: TEACHERS; PERFORMANCE PAY By December 31, 2012, the Arizona Performance Based Compensation System Task Force is required to determine a performance based pay increase scale and submit it to the State Board of Education. Effective July 1, 2013, the elements that must be contained in a performance based compensation system voted on by individual school boards are modified, including requiring the system to award teacher compensation based on the performance of the teacher's class. Sponsor: Sen. S. Smith. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p> <p><u>Hearing:</u> <i>Senate Education Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, Senate Rm. 3</i></p>

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<p>>>SB 1444: SCHOOLS; DATA; NONCITIZEN STUDENTS The Department of Education is required to collect data from school districts on students who are enrolled in school who cannot prove lawful residence in the United States. The Department must submit a report by December 15 of each year to the Governor and the Legislature that summarizes the data. Sponsors: Sen. S. Smith & 6. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to Senate Education, Government Reform Committees</p>
<p>>>SB 1455: TAX CREDIT; EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION FUND Establishes the Education Transformation Fund, administered by the Department of Education, to provide funding to public schools to implement transformative educational practices, improve academic performance, and fund improvements to statewide data systems technology. Establishes a premium tax credit for 50 percent of contributions to the Fund made by an insurer. Beginning July 1, 2012, establishes a corporate income tax credit for 50 percent of contributions to the Fund. Contributions used to claim tax credits must be preapproved by the Department of Revenue and are subject to specified aggregate maximums. Sponsor: Sen. Crandall. ARS Titles 15, 20, 43.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to Senate Education, Finance Committees</p> <p><u>Hearing:</u> <i>Senate Education Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, Senate Rm. 3</i></p>
<p>>>SB 1456: SCHOOL FINANCE REVISIONS For school finance purposes, the definition of "average daily membership" is changed to the total enrollment of students of each school day through the first 100 days or 200 days, as applicable, for the current year. State aid or budget limit errors may be determined and corrected for up to three years, instead of one year. Retroactive to July 1, 2012. Sponsor: Sen. Crandall. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to Senate Education, Finance Committees</p> <p><u>Hearing:</u> <i>Senate Education Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, Senate Rm. 3</i></p>
<p>>>SB 1457: TEACHERS; PRINCIPALS; EVALUATIONS; DELAY; PILOT The Department of Education is required to develop a pilot evaluation instrument that complies with specified statutory requirements. School boards are authorized to postpone the implementation of otherwise required teacher and principal evaluations until the 2013-2014 school year by a majority vote at a public meeting before December 31, 2012, if the school district or charter school participates in the pilot evaluation instrument during the 2012-2013 school year. Sponsor: Sen. Crandall. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>

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<p>>>SB 1458: SCHOOLS; ACHIEVEMENT PROFILES As session law, schools assigned a letter grade of D must be assigned a letter grade of F if the school has been required to participate in the mandatory school improvement process for the prior two consecutive academic years. In academic year 2012-2013, a school may be assigned a letter grade of F if the school's classification was previously underperforming. Self-repeals July 1, 2014. Sponsor: Sen. Crandall. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p> <p><i>Hearing:</i> <i>Senate Education Committee, Monday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, Senate Rm. 3</i></p>
<p>>>SB 1462: SCHOOLS; BULLYING POLICIES; DEFINITION Defines "bullying" as any written, verbal or physical act or any electronic communication that is intended to harm a student. Charter schools are required to prescribe and enforce policies and procedures to prohibit students from harassing, intimidating and bullying other students. The policies and procedures must include specified elements. Also modifies the required elements of school district anti-bullying policies. Sponsor: Sen. Schapira. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to Senate Education, Appropriations Committees</p>
<p>>>SB 1463: ARIZONA ONLINE INSTRUCTION REFORMS Within 30 days after enrollment of a student in an online course, the course provider is required to send written notification to the school district or charter school where the student is enrolled. Annual reporting mechanisms for online instruction providers must require providers to submit an annual student accountability report including a listing of the number of students registered for online courses during the previous fiscal year, the number of students who completed each course, and the grades received. The Department of Education is required to review all online course content for adherence to state standards. Establishes a 15-member Task Force on Arizona Online Instruction to review best practices in online instruction, develop recommendations for related statutory changes, and submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2012. The Task Force self-repeals October 1, 2013. Sponsor: Sen. Schapira. ARS Title 15.</p>	<p>1/31 Referred to Senate Education Committee</p>