



Government Relations & Public Policy

Arizona Department of Education

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Who We Are?

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What we do?

- ❖ Host external stakeholder meetings to stay updated on current legislation and provide informed recommendations to ensure ADE policy positions.
- ❖ Host internal updates for ADE staff.
- ❖ Meet with lawmakers to advance ADE initiatives and provide department feedback on legislation moving through the legislative process.
- ❖ Research previous legislation for department implementation and liaison between stakeholders and agency sections.
- ❖ Attend pertinent committee hearings and testify in legislative hearing on education related bills.
- ❖ Coordinate with all ADE divisions to leverage state & federal dollars, and liaison with stakeholders related to Title 15 issues.

Session Overview

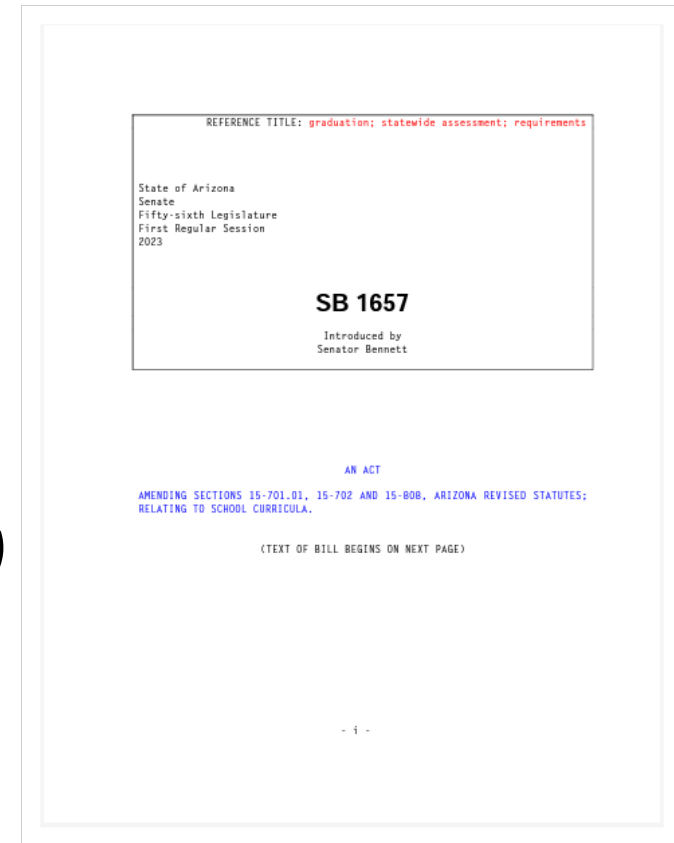
***Opening Day January 9, 2023**

- Session Days: 204
- Bills Introduced: 1675
 - Bills Passed: 348
 - Bills Vetoed: 143
 - Bills Signed: 205

***Adjourned Sine Die July 31, 2023**

Legislative Update 56th First Regular Session

- ADE introduced three bills this session
 - SB 1657 *graduation; statewide assessment; requirements (Held)*
 - SB 1385 *student discipline profiles; school achievement (Held)*
 - HB 2599 *interstate compact; military children; revisions (Passed and Signed by Governor Hobbs)*



Notable K-12 Bills Signed Into Law

- SB 1720 General appropriations act, 2023-2024
 - K-12 Transportation Formula Study
 - Tribal College Dual Enrollment (on going)
- SB 1729 K-12 education, 2023-2024
 - Dual Enrollment Student & Teacher Incentives
 - Live Remote Instruction
 - Early Education and Career Exploration Program
 - Professional Development and Support Personnel Pilot Program
- HB 2060 Schools; requirements; revisions
 - Contains a KEA provision.
 - *Allows, rather than requires, SBE to adopt a kindergarten entry evaluation tool and declares school districts and charter schools are not required to administer this tool.*

Notable K-12 Bills Signed Into Law Cont....

- HB 2460 Suspension; requirements; K-4 students
 - Provides that the statutory criteria required for the suspension or expulsion of a pupil in kindergarten, or the 1st-4th grades do not apply if the suspension does not exceed two days and the aggregate suspensions for the pupil do not exceed 10 days within a school year.
- HCR 2001 school district expenditures; authorization
 - Transmitted to SOS
- SCR 1041 school districts; expenditure limit; authorization
 - Transmitted to SOS

56th First Regular Session Headlines!

- Longest session in Arizona history with 204 session days. (previous record was 173 days in 1988)
- Record number of vetoes 143.
- Bipartisan budget passed both chambers by mid May.
 - \$18 billion budget.
- Prop 400 passed to end the legislative session on July 31st.
- Member resignations/expulsions
 - Senator Kaiser (LD 2) replaced by Shawna Bolick
 - Senator Teran (LD 26) replaced by Flavio Bravo
 - Rep. Harris (LD 13) replaced by Julie Willoughby
 - Rep. Cano (LD 20) replaced by Betty Villegas
 - Rep. Bravo (LD 26) replaced by Quanta Crews



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