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HB 2863: ASDB; revisions

NOW: ASDB; local education agencies

Sponsor: Representative Udall, LD 25

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Overview

Classifies the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB) campuses as local education agencies (LEAs).

History

ASDB provides schools and regional programs to sensory impaired individuals throughout Arizona. Statute requires these schools to be fully recognized as educational institutions and as optional resources to school districts, state institutions and other approved educational programs. Resources provided by ASDB include assessments, special curriculum, equipment and materials, supplemental related services, special short-term programs, staff development, information services for families and research and development ([A.R.S. § 15-1302](#)).

An individual who is between the ages of 3 and 21 is entitled to an education from ASDB without charge if they are an Arizona resident and have a sensory impairment that prevents them from being properly educated in a school district ([A.R.S. § 15-1343](#)).

ASDB is governed by a board of directors. The board consists of the Governor, the Superintendent of Public Instruction (or their designee), one appointed member from the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, one appointed member from the Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment and six other appointed members ([A.R.S. § 15-1321](#)).

Provisions

1. Designates ASDB campuses as LEAs for the purposes of:
 - a) Federal education funding received by the state; and
 - b) State and federal accountability, including reporting requirements;
 - c) Procedural safeguards and state complaint procedures pursuant to federal law; and
 - d) Graduation criteria and procedures, including diplomas and transcripts. (Sec. 2)
2. Renames Title 15, Chapter 11 from *Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind* to *Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind*. (Sec. 1)
3. Contains a legislative intent clause. (Sec. 3)

Prop 105 (45 votes) Prop 108 (40 votes) Emergency (40 votes) Fiscal Note