

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1004
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 15-803, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-803. School attendance; exemptions; definitions

5 A. It is unlawful for any child who is between six and sixteen
6 years of age to fail to attend school during the hours school is in
7 session, unless either:

8 1. The child is excused pursuant to section 15-802, subsection D or
9 section 15-901, subsection A, paragraph 5, subdivision (c).

10 2. The child is accompanied by a parent or a person authorized by a
11 parent.

12 3. The child is provided with instruction in a homeschool.

13 B. A child who is habitually truant or who has excessive absences
14 may be adjudicated an incorrigible child as defined in section 8-201.
15 Absences may be considered excessive when the number of absent days
16 exceeds ten ~~per cent~~ PERCENT of the number of required attendance days
17 prescribed in section 15-802, subsection B, paragraph 1, UNLESS THE CHILD
18 MEETS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 1. IS ENROLLED IN A CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION DISTRICT.

20 2. IS ENROLLED IN AN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-796,
21 INCLUDING ENROLLMENT IN A DROPOUT RECOVERY PROGRAM THAT IS PROVIDED BY AN
22 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL OR ALTERNATIVE CHARTER SCHOOL PURSUANT TO SECTION
23 15-901.06.

24 3. IS PARTICIPATING IN ARIZONA ONLINE INSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO
25 SECTION 15-808.

26 4. IS A PRESCHOOL CHILD AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-771.

27 5. IS A HOMELESS CHILD OR YOUTH AS DEFINED IN 42 UNITED STATES CODE
28 SECTION 11434a.

29 5. IS HOMEBOUND AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-901.

30 6. IS A PUPIL WITH A CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEM AS DEFINED IN SECTION
31 15-346.

32 7. IS IN FOSTER CARE.

33 8. IS A MIGRATORY CHILD AS DEFINED IN 20 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION
34 6399.

35 9. MEETS THE INCOME ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FREE AND
36 REDUCED-PRICE LUNCHES UNDER THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND CHILD NUTRITION
37 ACTS (42 UNITED STATES CODE SECTIONS 1751 THROUGH 1793).

38 C. For the purposes of this section:

39 1. "Habitually truant" means a truant child who is truant for at
40 least five school days within a school year.

Senate Amendments to S.B. 1004

1 2. "Truant" means an unexcused absence for at least one class
2 period during the day.

3 3. "Truant child" means a child who is between six and sixteen
4 years of age and who is not in attendance at a public or private school
5 during the hours that school is in session, unless excused as provided by
6 this section."

7 Amend title to conform

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