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REFERENCE TITLE: school councils; curriculum authority

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## **SB 1002**

Introduced by  
Senator Smith

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-351, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL COUNCILS.

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-351, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 15-351. School councils; duties; membership

5 A. The purpose of this section is to ensure that individuals who are  
6 affected by the outcome of a decision at the school site have an opportunity  
7 to provide input into the decision making process.

8 B. Each school shall establish a school council. A governing board  
9 may delegate to a school council the ~~responsibility~~ AUTHORITY to develop a  
10 curriculum and may delegate any additional ~~powers~~ AUTHORITY that ~~are IS~~  
11 reasonably necessary to accomplish decentralization. The school council  
12 shall reflect the ethnic composition of the local community and, except as  
13 provided in section 15-352, shall consist of the following members:

- 14 1. Parents OR GUARDIANS of pupils enrolled in the school who are not  
15 employed by the school district.
- 16 2. Teachers.
- 17 3. Noncertified employees.
- 18 4. Community members.
- 19 5. Pupils, if the school is a high school.

20 C. Each group specified in subsection B of this section shall select  
21 its representatives and shall submit the names of its respective  
22 representatives to the principal for appointment to the school council. The  
23 initial representatives shall be selected at public meetings held at the  
24 school site, and, thereafter, representatives shall be selected by their  
25 groups in the manner determined by the school council. Schools shall give  
26 notice of the public meeting where the initial representatives of the groups  
27 shall be selected, clearly stating its purpose, time and place. The notice  
28 shall be posted in at least three different locations at the school site and  
29 in the community and shall be given to pupils for delivery to their parents  
30 OR GUARDIANS.

31 D. The governing board shall determine the initial number of school  
32 council members. Thereafter, the school council shall determine the number.  
33 The number of teachers and parents OR GUARDIANS of pupils enrolled at the  
34 school shall be equal. Teachers and parents OR GUARDIANS of pupils enrolled  
35 at the school shall constitute a majority of the school council members.

36 E. The principal shall serve as chairman of the school council unless  
37 another person is elected by a majority of the school council members.