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## HB 2067: school facilities oversight board; continuation Sponsor: Representative Gress, LD 4 Caucus & COW

### **Overview**

Continues the School Facilities Oversight Board (SFOB) for two years.

#### **History**

Laws 2021, Chapter 404 transferred the powers and duties of the School Facilities Board to SFOB and the Division of School Facilities (Division), both of which are within the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). Statute details the responsibilities of SFOB, which include: 1) reviewing and approving student population projections submitted by school districts for the purposes of New School Facilities (NSF) Fund distributions; 2) approving the Division to distribute NSF Fund monies; 3) approving or rejecting school district requests to reduce pupil square footage; 4) adopting minimum school facility adequacy guidelines and certifying that plans for new school facilities meet these guidelines; 5) reviewing the policies developed by the Division to administer the Emergency Deficiencies Correction Fund and the Building Renewal Grant Fund; and 6) submitting multiple reports detailing SFOB's and the Division's activities (A.R.S. §§ <u>41-5702</u>, <u>41-5703</u>, <u>41-5711</u>, <u>41-5721</u>, <u>41-5731</u>, <u>41-5741</u>).

SFOB consists of seven members who meet prescribed requirements and who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, as well as the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the ADOA director (or their designees), both of whom serve as advisory nonvoting members (A.R.S. § 41-5701.02).

#### **Provisions**

- 1. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2025, SFOB until July 1, 2027. (Sec. 2, 5)
- 2. Repeals SFOB, the Division and related statutes on January 1, 2028, only if:
  - a) SFOB has no outstanding state school facilities revenue bonds, state school improvement revenue bonds and lease-to-own transactions; or
  - b) the Legislature has otherwise provided for paying or retiring any outstanding state school facilities revenue bonds, state school improvement revenue bonds and lease-toown transactions. (Sec. 2)
- 3. Provides that if neither of these conditions has occurred by January 1, 2028, SFOB, the Division and related statutes are repealed 30 days after the retirement of all revenue bonds and outstanding lease-to-own transactions. (Sec. 2)
- 4. States the Legislature intends that SFOB provide only one estimate of projected enrollment, and the associated costs, to the Legislature for NSF Fund purposes. (Sec. 3)
- 5. Contains a purpose statement. (Sec. 4)

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