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## **SB 1457: online instruction; virtual setting; assessments**

**Sponsor: Senator Bennett, LD 1**

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### **Overview**

Allows a school participating in Arizona Online Instruction (AOI) to administer any state standardized test or assessment in a virtual setting or at a testing center.

### **History**

The State Board of Education (SBE) adopts and implements statewide assessments to measure pupil achievement of SBE-adopted academic standards in reading, writing and mathematics. SBE must ensure that the statewide assessments are uniform and that the tests can be scored in an objective manner and are not intended to advocate any sectarian, partisan or denominational viewpoint ([A.R.S. § 15-741](#)).

AOI allows school districts and charter schools to develop and provide online instructional systems. State-approved charter authorizers sponsor charter schools and SBE selects district schools to be AOI schools or course providers. SBE and state-approved charter authorizers develop standards for the approval of AOI schools and course providers ([A.R.S. § 15-808](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Authorizes a school participating in AOI to administer any state standardized test or assessment in a virtual setting, if the AOI school:
  - a) assigns a specific date and time to administer the test to participating students;
  - b) administers the test in a synchronous session that is initiated and managed by personnel who are designated by the school;
  - c) provides at least one proctor for every 10 participating students;
  - d) requires each participating student to remain in the virtual setting until the student is instructed to exit the testing platform by the student's assigned proctor; and
  - e) verifies each test that is submitted by a participating student. (Sec. 1)
2. Stipulates that if a testing platform does not allow integrated camera proctoring, then the student is required to use a secondary video device that allows the proctor to see the student for the entire testing session. (Sec. 1)
3. Authorizes a school participating in AOI to administer any state standardized test or assessment at a testing center, if the AOI school:
  - a) assigns a specific date and time to administer the test to participating students;
  - b) administer the test at a location that complies with testing procedures and regulations regardless of whether the location is on a school campus;

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- c) administers the test in a synchronous session that is initiated and managed by personnel who are designated by the school;
  - d) provides at least one proctor for every 15 participating students;
  - e) requires each participating student to remain at the testing center location until the student is instructed to exit the testing center location by the student's assigned proctor; and
  - f) verifies each test that is submitted by a participating student. (Sec. 1)
4. Prohibits an AOI school, unless the assessment or examination is available by remote access, from administering any of the following in a virtual setting or testing center:
- a) a college readiness or workforce assessment provided by a national college and career readiness assessment provider;
  - b) an Advanced Placement examination; or
  - c) an International Baccalaureate examination. (Sec. 1)

**Amendments**

*Committee on Appropriations*

1. Allows a dropout recovery program to administer any state standardized test in a virtual setting.
2. Removes the proposed procedural requirements for AOI schools administering an assessment at a testing center.