



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1566

school districts; teachers; contract renewal

Purpose

Sets, to March 15, the date by which a school district governing board (governing board) must annually offer a teaching contract for the next school year to each continuing or probationary teacher.

Background

A governing board must offer each continuing and probationary teacher a teaching contract for the next school year, unless the governing board or the school district superintendent gives notice to the teacher of the governing board's intention not to offer a contract or the teacher has been dismissed. A teacher's acceptance of the contract must be indicated within 15 business days from the date the teacher receives the contract offer, or the contract offer is revoked. A teacher accepts the contract by: 1) signing the contract and returning it to the governing board; or 2) making a written instrument that accepts the terms of the contract and delivering the contract to the governing board (A.R.S. §§ [15-536](#) and [15-538.01](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Sets, to March 15, the date by which a school district governing board (governing board) must annually offer for the next ensuing school year:
 - a) a teaching contract to each continuing teacher; and
 - b) a teaching contract or notice of intention to not offer a teaching contract to each probationary teacher.
2. Makes technical changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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