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EDUCATION:

JD, Arizona State University College of Law, 1971

BS, Business Administration/Finance, Arizona State University, 1968

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE:

Representatives, Arizona House 2002-present

Served on House Education, Appropriations and Judiciary Committees

Served as Chairman on the Ethics Committee

Served 4 years as Vice-Chairman and 2 years as Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee

Currently a member of House Ways and Means Committee

Serves as Vice-Chairman of the Rules Committee

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Partner, Yarbrough, Moll and Dunn, present

HY Processing, LLC, 2005 - present

Executive Director, Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization, 1998 – present

Business Law Teacher, Mesa Community College, 1975-1977

Administrator, Office of Student Affairs, Arizona State University, 1971-1975

Graduate Fellow, Rockefeller Foundation, 1970-1971

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Co-founded Valley Christian High School 1985

BILLS RELATING TO EDUCATION:

Bill	Sponsorship	Description
HB2286	Primary	Tax credit; charitable organizations
HB2287	Primary	Tax credits; withholding tax reduction
HB2288	Primary	Premium tax credit; STO contribution
HB2635	Primary	2009-2010 budget reconciliation; revenues
<i>(note: HB 2073 Repeal of State Equalization Property Tax is incorporated into this bill)</i>		
HB2639	Co-sponsor	2009-2010 budget reconciliation; K-12 education
HB2640	Co-sponsor	2009-2010 budget reconciliation; higher education

CAMPAIGN PROMISES:

[2008 Candidate Q & A with AZ Central](#)

OTHER MEDIA

[Ethics 101: A Tucson mom uses public records to shed light on state lawmakers' conflicts of interest](#) ~ May 28, 2009

[Governor says dollar-for-dollar state income tax credits a great bargain for Arizona](#) ~ June 1, 2009

[School-tuition program OK'd after long debate](#) ~ May 28, 2009

[Legislators want changes to conflict of interest laws](#) ~ May 28, 2009

[Sunday Square Off](#) ~ May 24, 2009

[Tucsonans see conflict in new tuition credit](#) ~ May 19, 2009

[Lawmaker's dual roles drawing fire](#) ~ May 19, 2009

[Backers rush plan on school credits](#) ~ May 15, 2009

NOTABLE QUOTES:

May 29, 2009

Rep. Steve Yarbrough, R-Chandler, who runs one of those scholarship programs, said the dollar-for-dollar credit is necessary because "it causes the program to work, benefits all those kids."

"You're just choosing the direction of your resources," he said.

Yarbrough said, though, having a credit at something less than dollar-for-dollar is "an option." In fact, he said that two of the five similar programs in the country gives donors less than the full amount of the contribution in a credit.

But Yarbrough said he's not willing to make such a suggestion in Arizona.

"Why would I?" he asked. "I want to maximize the opportunity for students to attend the school of their parents' choice. This helps maximize that."

<http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/story/139790>

December 13, 2008

State Rep. Steve Yarbrough of Chandler singled out higher education as a likely target.

"The universities will take some extreme hits," he said.

<http://www.azcentral.com/community/ahwatukee/articles/2008/12/12/20081212mr-leg1213.html>

November 25, 2008

Rep. Steve Yarbrough, a Chandler Republican who spoke at the Valley Citizens League event on behalf of House Speaker-designate Kirk Adams, agreed that "at least some K-12 education (spending) is going to have to be there because of the magnitude" of the budget problem.

"We're not going to like the medicine," Yarbrough added.

<http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/story/131259>

August 21, 2006

The man who set the bill's income level, Rep. Steve Yarbrough, R-Chandler, admitted that the public was left with the impression the bill would only help poor kids.

"But I always made it clear that it was (to benefit) low- to modest-income families," he said. "But people do take stuff and run with it and you kind of go, 'Well, what can I say?'"

Yarbrough, who runs the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization, one of the state's largest such groups, could not recall how he came up with the income level.

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/0821ruelas0821.html>

August 9, 2006

"My political philosophy is pro-life, pro-traditional marriage, pro-education with a passion to improve student academic achievement, which includes enhanced school choice. I see doing as much as possible to stem illegal immigration as a basic part of public safety. I support reduced taxes, which serve economic development, and favor investment in transportation. I am the only member of the House who during my tenure has never been absent."

<http://www.azcentral.com/news/election/special1/articles/0809cr-dist21main0809Z6.html>

June 23, 2006

"My voting record for increased public school funding is rock solid."

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/mesa/articles/0623cr-yarbrough0623Z11.html>

November 18, 2005

Rep. Steve Yarbrough, R-Chandler, said he is concerned investors who lie on their affidavits could potentially be costing hundreds of millions of dollars that could be used to improve education, improve state employee pay, reduce auto license fees and lower other taxes.

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/news/articles/1118taxcheats18.html>

March 10, 2005

Rep. Steve Yarbrough, R-Chandler, said he's trying to convince other lawmakers the corporate tax credit actually would save the state money by drawing more students out of public schools.

<http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/story/37713>

July 27, 2004

Yarbrough said that, if reelected, he would continue to work to improve education from kindergarten through college.

Yarbrough said he agreed that the budget will be one of the biggest issues facing Arizona, and that improving education is another top priority.

<http://www.eastvalleytribune.com/story/25399>