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## **HB 2518**

Introduced by  
Representative Udall

**AN ACT**

**APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

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

2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of education; online  
3 early learning program; definition; program  
4 termination

5 A. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund  
6 in fiscal year 2019-2020 to the department of education to conduct an  
7 online early learning program for children who are four years of age.

8 B. The department shall award a contract on a competitive basis to  
9 administer the online early learning program to a service provider that is  
10 a 501(c)(3) organization and that can demonstrate past success conducting  
11 an online early learning program through independent, valid and reliable  
12 evaluations.

13 C. The department shall require the service provider to submit a  
14 quarterly report containing the following:

15 1. The number of families volunteering to participate in the  
16 program.

17 2. The number of families selected to participate in the program.

18 3. The number of families requesting a computer or home internet  
19 service.

20 4. The number of families that are provided a computer or home  
21 internet service.

22 5. The families' frequency of using the instructional software  
23 provided by the program.

24 6. Parental feedback on the program.

25 7. Student performance on prekindergarten and kindergarten  
26 readiness assessments.

27 D. For the purposes of this section, "online early learning  
28 program" means a program that meets all of the following criteria:

29 1. Is designed to improve a child's transition into elementary  
30 education and contains content in reading, math and science.

31 2. Is aligned with nationally recognized early learning standards.

32 3. Is provided in the student's home and consists of at least  
33 forty-five instructional hours.

34 4. Provides for installing a computer or home internet service, or  
35 both, for low-income families participating in the project that do not  
36 have a computer or home internet service.

37 5. Includes a parental engagement and involvement component, with  
38 support models provided in English, Spanish and other languages as needed.

39 6. Includes an evaluation component with measures for student  
40 growth over the course of the program.

41 E. The online early learning program established by this section  
42 ends on July 1, 2021 pursuant to section 41-3102, Arizona Revised  
43 Statutes.