



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
*Fifty-Fifth Legislature, First Regular Session*

**AMENDED**

FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1251

appropriations; family health pilot program.

Purpose

Appropriates \$1,500,000 from the state General Fund (state GF) in FY 2022 and FY 2023 to the Department of Health Services (DHS) for a Family Health Pilot Program.

Background

DHS is responsible for promoting, protecting and improving the health and wellness of individuals and communities in Arizona. Currently, DHS operates programs in the following areas: 1) disease prevention and control; 2) health promotion; 3) community public health; 4) environmental health; 5) maternal and child health; 6) emergency preparedness; 7) emergency services; and 8) the regulation of child care centers, assisted living centers, nursing homes, hospitals and other health care providers and institutions.

S.B. 1251 appropriates \$1,500,000 from the state GF in FY 2022 and FY 2023 to DHS.

Provisions

1. Appropriates \$1,500,000 from the state GF in FY 2022 and FY 2023 to DHS for a Family Health Pilot Program.
2. Requires DHS to distribute the monies to nonprofit organizations to implement a statewide system that provides direct services, support services, and social services case management and referrals to the biological or adoptive parents of a child under the age of two, including an unborn child.
3. States that the purpose of the statewide system is to encourage healthy childbirth, support childbirth as an alternative to abortion, promote family formation, aid successful parenting and increase families' economic self-sufficiency.
4. Requires the statewide system services to be available to all residents of Arizona.
5. Prohibits the monies from being used for abortion referral services or distributed to entities that promote, refer or perform abortions.
6. Requires the selected nonprofit organizations to demonstrate experience in marketing and serving the eligible population and that the organizations can begin serving clients statewide within 60 days of receiving monies.

7. Requires DHS to give preference to nonprofit organizations that work and provide services in Arizona.
8. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee

1. Requires DHS to distribute monies to nonprofit organizations rather than a nonprofit organization.
2. Requires DHS to give preference to nonprofit organizations in Arizona.

Senate Action

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