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AN ACT

**AMENDING SECTION 15-1464, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; APPROPRIATING MONIES;
RELATING TO SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS AND WORKFORCE
PROGRAMS.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-1464, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-1464. State aid per capita distribution for science,
5 technology, engineering and mathematics and
6 workforce programs; fund; appropriation; report

7 A. In addition to the appropriation prescribed in section 15-1463,
8 subsection A, ~~this state shall pay~~ THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS ARE APPROPRIATED
9 FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND to each community college district FOR state
10 aid for science, technology, engineering and mathematics and workforce
11 programs in the following manner:

12 1. For fiscal year 1992-1993 for a community college district that
13 had less than five thousand actual full-time equivalent students according
14 to the most recent fiscal year actual full-time equivalent student count,
15 the amount determined by multiplying the number of actual full-time
16 equivalent students according to the most recent fiscal year actual
17 full-time equivalent student count by ~~two hundred seven dollars~~ \$207.

18 2. For fiscal year 1992-1993 for a community college district that
19 had five thousand or more actual full-time equivalent students according
20 to the most recent fiscal year actual full-time equivalent student count,
21 the amount determined by multiplying the number of actual full-time
22 equivalent students according to the most recent fiscal year actual
23 full-time equivalent student count by ~~one hundred fifty-eight dollars~~
24 \$158.

25 3. Beginning with fiscal year 1993-1994, the ~~legislature shall~~
26 ~~adjust~~ AMOUNTS PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION,
27 ADJUSTED by the growth rate for common and high school districts as
28 provided by law, ~~subject to appropriation, the amount of state aid to~~
29 ~~community college districts as provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this~~
30 ~~subsection.~~

31 B. The basis for computing full-time equivalent students for the
32 science, technology, engineering and mathematics and workforce programs
33 per capita distribution shall be on the same basis as the computation
34 prescribed in section 15-1466.01.

35 C. In addition to the formula to determine the appropriations
36 prescribed in section 15-1463, subsection A and subsection A of this
37 section, this state may pay additional amounts for science, technology,
38 engineering and mathematics and workforce programs to a community college
39 district based on requests from the district.

40 D. Appropriations for science, technology, engineering and
41 mathematics and workforce programs made pursuant to subsections A and C of
42 this section and section 15-1463 shall be made to an account designated as
43 the science, technology, engineering and mathematics and workforce
44 programs fund. Monies in the fund shall be used for science, technology,

1 engineering and mathematics and workforce programs purposes, and the
2 expenditures may include:

- 3 1. Partnerships with businesses and educational institutions.
- 4 2. Additional faculty for improved and expanded classroom
5 instruction and course offerings.
- 6 3. Technology, equipment and technology infrastructure for advanced
7 teaching and learning in classrooms or laboratories.
- 8 4. Student services such as assessment, advisement and counseling
9 for new and expanded job opportunities.
- 10 5. The purchase, lease or lease-purchase of real property, for new
11 construction, remodeling or repair of buildings or facilities on real
12 property.

13 E. At the beginning of each fiscal year, the district board shall
14 present to the department of administration a claim for the annual amount
15 appropriated ~~by the legislature~~ PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION and assigned to
16 the district for science, technology, engineering and mathematics and
17 workforce programs purposes. The department of administration shall draw
18 a warrant in payment of the claim and shall transmit the warrant to the
19 state treasurer who shall disburse the monies to the district for science,
20 technology, engineering and mathematics and workforce programs purposes,
21 to be expended as provided by law. If no community college exists, the
22 department shall establish a fund for new future community college
23 districts to be disbursed as needed.

24 F. Notwithstanding subsection E of this section, a community
25 college district may request the state treasurer to disburse the monies to
26 the local government investment pool for deposit into the district's
27 account as established in section 35-326.

28 G. Each district has the option of using up to twenty percent of
29 its total science, technology, engineering and mathematics and workforce
30 programs aid appropriation for operating aid purposes or taking this same
31 amount out of the district's total operating state aid appropriation and
32 using it for science, technology, engineering and mathematics and
33 workforce programs purposes.

34 H. On or before December 1 of every even-numbered year, each
35 community college district shall submit a report of its science,
36 technology, engineering and mathematics and workforce programs plan
37 activities and the expenditures authorized in this section to the
38 governor, president of the senate, speaker of the house of
39 representatives, joint legislative budget committee and Arizona commerce
40 authority. The report shall include the purpose and goals for which the
41 science, technology, engineering and mathematics and workforce programs
42 monies were expended by each district with a general accounting of the
43 expenditures. Each community college district shall transmit a copy of
44 this report to the secretary of state.

1 Sec. 2. Appropriation; Maricopa community colleges; science,
2 technology, engineering and mathematics and
3 workforce programs

4 The sum of \$8,600,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in
5 fiscal year 2022-2023 to the Maricopa community colleges for the purposes
6 prescribed in section 15-1464, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by
7 this act.

8 Sec. 3. Effective date

9 Section 15-1464, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act,
10 is effective from and after June 30, 2023.