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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE ARIZONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PILOT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING
MONIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Arizona community schools pilot program;
3 requirements; grants; community school
4 coordinators; delayed repeal; definitions

5 A. A three-year Arizona community schools pilot program is
6 established in the department of education to assist public elementary and
7 middle schools in developing and implementing community school plans and
8 participating in the pilot program. The department of education shall
9 select six schools with an enrollment of at least four hundred pupils
10 each, at least one of which is an elementary school, to participate in the
11 pilot program.

12 B. From monies appropriated for this purpose, the department of
13 education shall award three-year grants to eligible schools. Each grant
14 may not exceed the sum of:

15 1. \$60,000 each academic year to pay the salary and benefits of a
16 full-time community school coordinator.

17 2. \$25,000 each academic year to develop and implement a community
18 school plan.

19 C. On application from a school, a grant awarded under this section
20 may be extended by the governor for one additional year.

21 D. A public elementary or middle school may apply for a grant under
22 this section if the school demonstrates a commitment to both:

23 1. Participating in the pilot program by establishing both:

24 (a) A school-community partnership team to function as the
25 campus-level planning and decision-making committee composed of school
26 officials and community representatives.

27 (b) A partnership with a community-based organization, a social
28 service provider or an education or youth services organization that has
29 experience in developing and implementing a community school plan.

30 2. Developing and implementing a plan for sustaining the community
31 school plan beyond the end of the pilot program.

32 E. Grants awarded under this section may not be used for direct
33 programs for students or families or for other activities that are not
34 related to developing or implementing a community school plan.

35 F. Each school that participates in the pilot program shall hire a
36 new employee or designate an existing employee to serve as the full-time
37 community school coordinator for that school. A community school
38 coordinator who is compensated with grant monies issued pursuant to this
39 section must have relevant experience as a school district employee, a
40 charter school employee or an employee of a community-based organization
41 with experience in developing and implementing a community school plan and
42 in coordinating the process of developing and implementing such a plan.
43 The coordinator's duties include:

44 1. Recruiting community partners and building community support for
45 the school.

- 1 2. Coordinating all of the following:
- 2 (a) The school-community partnership team's planning and training
- 3 activities.
- 4 (b) Planning and evaluation efforts between the school and
- 5 community partners.
- 6 (c) Academic and student and family support programs.
- 7 (d) After-school, summer and enrichment programs for students.
- 8 3. Encouraging community and parent engagement in the school.
- 9 4. Seeking available resources for implementing community school
- 10 programs and services.
- 11 5. Conducting an annual needs assessment of the school in
- 12 coordination with the school-community partnership team.
- 13 6. Acting as a liaison between the school, other community schools,
- 14 the school district or the charter school and community partners.
- 15 7. Developing a plan for sustaining the community school plan
- 16 beyond the end of the pilot program.
- 17 G. Before a community school plan may be implemented, the plan and
- 18 the application to participate in the pilot program must be approved by
- 19 the school district governing board or the charter school governing body.
- 20 H. In developing or implementing a community school plan, a school
- 21 that participates in the pilot program may seek assistance from other
- 22 community schools, regional education service centers or technical
- 23 assistance providers.
- 24 I. A school that is selected to participate in the pilot program
- 25 shall both:
- 26 1. Hold a community meeting at least twice each year to both:
- 27 (a) Inform community stakeholders about the school's progress in
- 28 implementing the community school plan.
- 29 (b) Seek community input regarding any improvements or changes that
- 30 could be made to the community school plan.
- 31 2. Annually report to the school district governing board or the
- 32 charter school governing body regarding the school's progress in
- 33 implementing the community school plan.
- 34 J. The department of education shall disburse the monies
- 35 appropriated for the pilot program. The schools that are selected to
- 36 participate in the pilot program may seek additional funding through
- 37 public-private partnerships and may seek and accept gifts, grants,
- 38 donations and monies from federal, state and private sources for purposes
- 39 related to the pilot program.
- 40 K. In addition to the monies specified in subsection J of this
- 41 section, the department of education may use monies allocated for
- 42 community schools pursuant to federal law to distribute grants to eligible
- 43 schools.
- 44 L. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2025.

1 M. For the purposes of this section:

2 1. "Community-based organization" means a nonprofit corporation or
3 association that is located in close proximity to the population the
4 organization serves and that supports the academic success of students by
5 providing health care, mentoring, college-readiness programs or job
6 training.

7 2. "Community school" means a public elementary or middle school
8 that both:

9 (a) Partners with one or more community-based organizations to
10 coordinate academic, social and health services to reduce barriers to
11 learning and improve the quality of education for students in the
12 community.

13 (b) Offers a variety of programs and services that may include one
14 or more of the following:

15 (i) Early childhood education.

16 (ii) After-school and summer school academic and enrichment
17 programs.

18 (iii) College and career preparation.

19 (iv) Service learning opportunities, such as internships and
20 community service programs.

21 (v) Leadership and mentoring programs.

22 (vi) Activities to encourage community and parent engagement in
23 students' education.

24 (vii) Parenting classes and health and social services, including
25 services provided by licensed social workers, for students and families.

26 Sec. 2. Appropriations; Arizona community schools pilot
27 program; department of education

28 The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in
29 each of fiscal years 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 to the department
30 of education to disburse to the schools selected to participate in the
31 Arizona community schools pilot program established by this act.

32 Sec. 3. Short title

33 This act may be cited as the "David Bradley Community Schools Act".