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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENT 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. Innovative assessment pilot program; request for
3 proposals; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The state board of education shall conduct a three-year
5 innovative assessment pilot program during the 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and
6 2025-2026 school years.

7 B. Before the 2023-2024 school year, the state board of education
8 shall issue a request for proposals to contract with the provider of an
9 innovative assessment that demonstrates that the provider has the
10 necessary expertise and research capabilities to determine whether interim
11 innovative assessments could be reliably used to replace the statewide
12 summative assessment. The innovative assessment shall meet all of the
13 following requirements:

14 1. Allow for both:

15 (a) The alignment to local scope and sequence.

16 (b) The assessment of multiple skill levels.

17 2. Provide results within a reasonable time period so that
18 educators may use the results to amend instruction.

19 3. Assess all of the following topics for students in grades three
20 through nine:

21 (a) English language arts.

22 (b) Reading.

23 (c) Mathematics.

24 C. Any school that is operated by a school district or charter
25 school may apply to the state board of education in a form and manner
26 prescribed by the state board to participate in the innovative assessment
27 pilot program. Participation in the pilot program is voluntary.

28 D. The state board of education shall select a representative
29 sample of schools from among the applicants to participate in the
30 innovative assessment pilot program, including schools from all of the
31 following categories:

32 1. Rural schools.

33 2. Urban schools.

34 3. Schools in which a high percentage of students meet the economic
35 eligibility requirements established under the national school lunch and
36 child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751 through 1793)
37 for free or reduced-price lunches.

38 E. Each school year, the state board of education shall expand the
39 innovative assessment pilot program by selecting a greater number of
40 participating schools than the year before. By the 2025-2026 school year,
41 the participating schools shall be representative of student population in
42 this state and shall include urban, suburban and rural schools from across
43 this state.

1 F. On or before December 31, 2026, the state board of education
2 shall submit a report that summarizes the results of the innovative
3 assessment pilot program to the governor, the president of the senate and
4 the speaker of the house of representatives. The state board of education
5 shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

6 G. The state board of education may adopt policies and procedures
7 to carry out the purposes of the innovative assessment pilot program.

8 H. This section is repealed from and after March 31, 2027.

9 Sec. 2. Appropriations; state board of education; innovative
10 assessment pilot program

11 The following amounts are appropriated from the state general fund
12 in the following fiscal years to the state board of education for the
13 costs of the innovative assessment pilot program:

- 14 1. In fiscal year 2023-2024, \$750,000.
- 15 2. In fiscal year 2024-2025, \$1,500,000.
- 16 3. In fiscal year 2025-2026, \$1,750,000.