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Introduced by
Representative Livingston

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-718.02; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO SCHOOL
INSTRUCTION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 7, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-718.02, to read:

4 15-718.02. Arizona civics education and leadership
5 development program; instructional service
6 providers; requirements; annual reports; fund;
7 exemption

8 A. THE ARIZONA CIVICS EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
9 IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE CIVICS
10 EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
11 WHO ARE ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL OR PRIVATE SCHOOL IN
12 THIS STATE.

13 B. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR
14 ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY TO BE INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE
15 PROVIDERS FOR THE ARIZONA CIVICS EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
16 PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT MAY APPROVE AN APPLICATION IF THE ELIGIBLE
17 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATES THAT THE ORGANIZATION
18 MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 1. IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER
20 SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

21 2. HAS PROVIDED AMERICAN CIVICS EDUCATION INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS
22 WHO ARE AT LEAST TEN YEARS OF AGE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

23 3. ADVANCES AMERICAN DEMOCRACY THROUGH MULTIGENERATIONAL CIVICS
24 EDUCATION, CIVIL DISCOURSE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

25 4. CAN PROVIDE INSTRUCTION ON AMERICAN CIVICS EDUCATION AND
26 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED
27 IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHARTER SCHOOL OR PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THIS STATE. THE
28 INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING MUST DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

29 (a) PROMOTE CIVIL SERVICE.

30 (b) PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP.

31 (c) PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO IDENTIFY AND DEBATE ISSUES RELATING TO
32 DEMOCRACY.

33 (d) INCLUDE INSTRUCTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

34 (i) THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE UNITED STATES
35 CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

36 (ii) THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

37 (iii) THE COMPOSITION OF THE BRANCHES OF LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL
38 GOVERNMENT.

39 (iv) THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENS IN A DEMOCRACY.

40 C. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT
41 ORGANIZATION THAT IS APPROVED TO BE AN INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER
42 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE
43 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT DESCRIBES THE FOLLOWING WITH RESPECT TO THE
44 ARIZONA CIVICS EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

45 1. THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED.

1 2. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED.
2 3. THE OUTCOMES ACHIEVED.
3 D. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL COMPILE THE REPORTS THAT IT
4 RECEIVES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION AND SUBMIT THE COMPILED
5 REPORTS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF
6 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THE COMPILED
7 REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.
8 E. THE ARIZONA CIVICS EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND IS
9 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND GIFTS, GRANTS AND
10 DONATIONS TO THE FUND. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE
11 FUND AND DISTRIBUTE MONIES FROM THE FUND TO ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT
12 ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS
13 SECTION. ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SHALL USE MONIES FROM THE FUND
14 FOR STIPENDS FOR CIVICS LEADERS AND COUNSELORS, WAGES FOR PROGRAM STAFF,
15 EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, FOOD, BEVERAGES, CLOTHING AND TRANSPORTATION.
16 MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE
17 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS.
18 Sec. 2. Appropriation; Arizona civics education and
19 leadership development fund; exemption
20 A. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
21 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Arizona civics education and leadership
22 development fund established by section 15-718.02, Arizona Revised
23 Statutes, as added by this act.
24 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
25 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
26 to lapsing of appropriations.