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Introduced by
Representative Shah

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE FOOD AS MEDICINE GRANT 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. Food as medicine grant pilot program; grants;
3 reporting requirements; delayed repeal

4 A. The three-year food as medicine grant pilot program is
5 established in the department of health services to pilot innovative
6 solutions highlighting the link between nutrition, diet-related illnesses
7 and poor health outcomes.

8 B. The department of health services shall establish at least five
9 grant-funded pilot programs and, on or before March 1, 2024, shall award
10 grants to entities to address the following:

- 11 1. Nutrition education.
- 12 2. Access to healthy food for children, families and the elderly.
- 13 3. Strengthening local and state food supply chains focusing on
14 Arizona agriculture.
- 15 4. Reducing the incidence of diet-related diseases, such as
16 diabetes and heart disease.
- 17 5. Integrating health care delivery systems with food and nutrition
18 programming in schools and communities.

19 C. The department of health services shall award grants over a
20 three-year period with at least two of the five grants awarded to
21 recipients in rural service areas in this state. The department shall
22 prioritize grant applicants that demonstrate collaboration across multiple
23 sectors of the community, stakeholder groups and disciplines.

24 D. On or before November 1, 2025 and June 1, 2027, the department
25 of health services shall report on the progress of the pilot programs and
26 the impact of the funding on the pilot programs' goals, respectively, to
27 the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president
28 of the senate and the chairpersons of the health and human services
29 committees of the house of representative and the senate, or their
30 successor committees, and shall provide a copy of the report to the
31 secretary of state's office.

32 E. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2027.

33 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of health services; food as
34 medicine grant pilot program; exemption

35 A. The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
36 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the department of health services to
37 provide grants through the food as medicine grant pilot program
38 established by this act.

39 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
40 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
41 to the lapsing of appropriations. Any monies remaining unspent on
42 July 1, 2027 revert to the state general fund.