

REFERENCE TITLE: **small business incubator program**

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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First Regular Session  
2023

## **HB 2402**

Introduced by  
Representative Gress

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 41-1527; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA  
COMMERCE AUTHORITY.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 10, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1527, to read:

4 41-1527. Small business incubator program; second chance  
5 center participants; definition

6 A. THE SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED IN THE  
7 AUTHORITY. THE SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR PROGRAM SHALL ASSIST CURRENT AND  
8 FORMER INMATES WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN SECOND CHANCE CENTERS TO ESTABLISH  
9 SMALL BUSINESSES.

10 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SECOND CHANCE CENTER" MEANS A  
11 PROGRAM IN WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
12 ECONOMIC SECURITY COLLABORATE AND BRING COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES TO INMATES  
13 WHO ARE NEARING RELEASE AND WHO ARE MOST LIKELY TO RECIDIVATE.

14 Sec. 2. Appropriation; Arizona commerce authority; small  
15 business incubator program; exemption

16 A. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the federal temporary  
17 assistance for needy families block grant in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the  
18 Arizona commerce authority for establishing and administering the small  
19 business incubator program established by section 41-1527, Arizona Revised  
20 Statutes, as added by this act.

21 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
22 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating  
23 to lapsing of appropriations.