

REFERENCE TITLE: teen mental health; grant program

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Introduced by
Representatives Grantham: Toma

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-149; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 1, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-149, to read:

4 36-149. Teen mental health grant program; reporting
5 requirements; fund

6 A. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE MONIES, THE TEEN MENTAL HEALTH GRANT
7 PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE GRANTS
8 UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

9 1. PROVIDING FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
10 FOR MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING, YOUTH RESILIENCY TRAINING, SUBSTANCE
11 MISUSE AWARENESS TRAINING OR PEER-TO-PEER EDUCATION FOR YOUTH, STAFF AND
12 PARENTS.

13 2. SUPPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP OR OBTAIN AN APPLICATION
14 FOR STUDENTS TO REPORT SAFETY ISSUES AND RECEIVE CLINICAL SUPPORT THAT IS
15 ANONYMOUS AND AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK, TWENTY-FOUR HOURS
16 PER DAY.

17 3. PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN RURAL
18 AREAS OF THIS STATE TO RETAIN A PRIMARY PREVENTION SPECIALIST.

19 4. PROVIDING FUNDING FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE
20 PROVIDERS.

21 5. SUPPORTING DIGITAL WELLNESS MARKETING CAMPAIGNS.

22 B. EACH ENTITY SEEKING GRANT FUNDING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL
23 SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE ENTITY'S PROPOSAL AS
24 PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT. EACH GRANTEE SHALL REPORT, ON OR BEFORE
25 JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR, THE OUTCOMES AND AN ACCOUNTING OF THE EXPENDITURES
26 OF THE GRANT MONIES RECEIVED, INCLUDING PROGRAM DATA REQUESTED BY THE
27 DEPARTMENT.

28 C. THE TEEN MENTAL HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM FUND IS ESTABLISHED
29 CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS, AVAILABLE FEDERAL MONIES, GIFTS,
30 GRANTS AND DONATIONS. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. THE FUND IS
31 SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION.

32 D. ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT
33 A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
34 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE
35 SECRETARY OF STATE. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, AT A MINIMUM, A LISTING OF
36 THE GRANT RECIPIENTS IN THE PRECEDING YEAR, THE AMOUNT OF EACH GRANT, THE
37 PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS THE GRANT MONIES ARE SUPPORTING AND THE OUTCOMES OF
38 THOSE PROGRAMS OR PROJECTS.