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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-1701.01; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO FINANCIAL  
AID.

(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 13, article 6, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-1701.01, to read:

4 15-1701.01. Arizona promise for dreamers program; eligibility  
5 requirements; award; fund; definitions

6 A. ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS SHALL IMPLEMENT AN ARIZONA  
7 PROMISE FOR DREAMERS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS  
8 WHO MEET THE CRITERIA PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AND WHO ARE PURSUING  
9 STUDIES IN THIS STATE LEADING TO A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE.

10 B. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, TO BE ELIGIBLE TO  
11 PARTICIPATE IN THE ARIZONA PROMISE FOR DREAMERS PROGRAM AND TO QUALIFY FOR  
12 AN AWARD UNDER THIS SECTION, A STUDENT SHALL MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING  
13 REQUIREMENTS:

14 1. QUALIFY FOR IN-STATE STUDENT STATUS AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION  
15 15-1803, SUBSECTION B.

16 2. HAVE GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE WITH A MINIMUM  
17 2.5 CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE ON A 4.0 SCALE FOR ALL WORK ATTEMPTED  
18 IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE.

19 3. SATISFY THE ADMISSION STANDARDS AS DETERMINED BY AN ELIGIBLE  
20 POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION.

21 4. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT  
22 AID.

23 5. SECURE ADMISSION TO, AND BE ENROLLED IN, AN ELIGIBLE  
24 POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION FOR AT LEAST FULL-TIME STATUS AS DETERMINED BY  
25 FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES.

26 C. TO RETAIN ELIGIBILITY WHILE PURSUING THE PROGRAM OF HIGHER  
27 LEARNING IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED, THE STUDENT SHALL MEET ALL OF  
28 THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

29 1. MAINTAIN SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS AS REQUIRED FOR  
30 ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID.

31 2. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT  
32 AID.

33 3. MAINTAIN AT LEAST FULL-TIME STATUS AS DETERMINED BY FEDERAL  
34 STUDENT FINANCIAL AID GUIDELINES.

35 4. COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS RELATED TO MAINTENANCE OF ELIGIBILITY  
36 AS ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY  
37 INSTITUTION.

38 D. EACH ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE TO EACH  
39 ELIGIBLE STUDENT AN AWARD UP TO THE ACTUAL COST OF IN-STATE TUITION AND  
40 FEES, EXCEPT THAT AN AWARD PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE  
41 REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY OTHER FEDERAL AID SCHOLARSHIPS OR PUBLIC  
42 GRANTS AND ANY OTHER FINANCIAL GIFTS, GRANTS OR AID RECEIVED BY THAT  
43 PERSON.

44 E. AN AWARD UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE AWARDED FOR A MAXIMUM OF  
45 EIGHT ACADEMIC SEMESTERS OR THEIR EQUIVALENT.

1 F. AN AWARD UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE AWARDED TO ALL ELIGIBLE  
2 APPLICANTS WITHOUT LIMIT OTHER THAN THE AMOUNT OF MONIES AVAILABLE FOR THE  
3 ARIZONA PROMISE FOR DREAMERS PROGRAM AND THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE  
4 APPLICANTS. IF APPROPRIATED MONIES ARE INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE AWARDS FOR  
5 ALL ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS, THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL GUARANTEE THE  
6 AWARD FOR APPLICANTS WHO ENROLL IN A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF  
7 THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

8 G. THE ARIZONA PROMISE FOR DREAMERS PROGRAM FUND IS ESTABLISHED  
9 CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND ANY OTHER MONIES FOR THE  
10 PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE ARIZONA PROMISE FOR DREAMERS PROGRAM AND  
11 DISTRIBUTING AWARD MONIES. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL ADMINISTER  
12 THE FUND, INCLUDING DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING CENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATIVE  
13 PROCESSES FOR DISTRIBUTING MONIES IN THE FUND TO ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY  
14 INSTITUTIONS EACH FISCAL YEAR. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS MAY ACCEPT  
15 AND SPEND FEDERAL MONIES AND PRIVATE GRANTS, GIFTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND  
16 DEVICES, INCLUDING PRIVATE, PHILANTHROPIC, PUBLIC AND OTHER SOURCES OF  
17 MONIES, TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. MONIES IN  
18 THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS  
19 OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. MONIES IN THE  
20 FUND MAY BE USED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

21 1. REIMBURSING ARIZONA PROMISE FOR DREAMERS PROGRAM AWARDS THAT  
22 COVER THE BALANCE OF TUITION AND FEES FOR ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED  
23 IN AN ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION AFTER ALL OTHER GIFTS AND AID  
24 RECEIVED.

25 2. ADMINISTERING THE ARIZONA PROMISE FOR DREAMERS PROGRAM,  
26 INCLUDING HIRING AND RETAINING ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. THE ADMINISTRATION  
27 OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDES DATA COLLECTION, REPORTING, TRACKING AND ANALYZING  
28 THE PROGRAM.

29 3. DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING A MARKETING AND PROMOTION PLAN FOR  
30 THE ARIZONA PROMISE FOR DREAMERS PROGRAM.

31 H. ANNUAL EXPENDITURES FOR MARKETING, PROMOTING AND ADMINISTERING  
32 THE ARIZONA PROMISE FOR DREAMERS PROGRAM MAY NOT EXCEED THREE PERCENT OF  
33 THE MONIES IN THE FUND EACH FISCAL YEAR.

34 I. MONIES REMAINING IN THE ARIZONA PROMISE FOR DREAMERS PROGRAM  
35 FUND AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR MAY BE USED BY ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY  
36 INSTITUTIONS FOR ARIZONA PROMISE FOR DREAMERS PROGRAM COSTS IN THE NEXT  
37 FISCAL YEAR.

38 J. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

39 1. "ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION" MEANS A UNIVERSITY UNDER  
40 THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

41 2. "TUITION AND FEES" MEANS TUITION, MANDATORY FEES AND PROGRAM  
42 FEES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A PROGRAM IN THE ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY  
43 INSTITUTION AND THAT ARE CHARGED BY AN ELIGIBLE POSTSECONDARY  
44 INSTITUTION.

1           Sec. 2. Appropriation; Arizona promise for dreamers program  
2                                   fund; exemption

3           A. The sum of \$40,000,000 is appropriated from the state general  
4 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Arizona promise for dreamers program  
5 fund established by section 15-1701.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added  
6 by this act.

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

10          C. The legislature intends that the appropriation made in  
11 subsection A of this section be considered ongoing funding in future  
12 years.