REFERENCE TITLE: schools; incentive program; dual enrollment

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## SB 1621

Introduced by Senator Gonzales

## AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-203 AND 15-249.06, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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. Section 15-203, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 3 read: 4 15-203. Powers and duties; definition 5 The state board of education shall: Α. 6 1. Exercise general supervision over and regulate the conduct of 7 the public school system and adopt any rules and policies it deems 8 necessary to accomplish this purpose. 9 2. Keep a record of its proceedings. 10 3. Make rules for its own government. 11 4. Determine the policy and work undertaken by it. 12 5. Subject to title 41, chapter 4, article 4, employ staff. 13 6. Prescribe and supervise the duties of its employees pursuant to title 41, chapter 4, article 4, if not otherwise prescribed by statute. 14 15 7. Delegate to the superintendent of public instruction the 16 execution of board policies and rules. 17 Recommend to the legislature changes or additions to 8. the 18 statutes pertaining to schools. 19 9. Prepare, publish and distribute reports concerning the 20 educational welfare of this state. 21 10. Prepare a budget for expenditures necessary for proper 22 maintenance of the board and accomplishment of its purposes and present 23 the budget to the legislature. 24 11. Aid in the enforcement of laws relating to schools. Prescribe a minimum course of study in the common schools, 25 12. 26 minimum competency requirements for the promotion of pupils from the third grade and minimum course of study and competency requirements for the 27 promotion of pupils from the eighth grade. The state board of education 28 29 shall prepare a fiscal impact statement of any proposed changes to the minimum course of study or competency requirements and, on completion, 30 31 shall send a copy to the director of the joint legislative budget committee and the director of the school facilities division within the 32 33 department of administration. The state board of education shall not adopt 34 any changes in the minimum course of study or competency requirements in effect on July 1, 1998 that will have a fiscal impact on 35 36 school capital costs. 13. Prescribe minimum course of study and competency requirements 37 for the graduation of pupils from high school. The state board of 38 39 education shall prepare a fiscal impact statement of any proposed changes 40 to the minimum course of study or competency requirements and, on 41 completion, shall send a copy to the director of the joint legislative

42 budget committee and the director of the school facilities division within 43 the department of administration. The state board of education shall not 44 adopt any changes in the minimum course of study or competency 1 requirements in effect on July 1, 1998 that will have a fiscal impact on 2 school capital costs.

14. Pursuant to section 15-501.01, supervise and control the certification of persons engaged in instructional work directly as any classroom, laboratory or other teacher or indirectly as a supervisory teacher, speech therapist, principal or superintendent in a school district, including school district preschool programs, or any other educational institution below the community college, college or university level, and prescribe rules for certification.

10 15. Adopt a list of approved tests for determining special 11 education assistance to gifted pupils as defined in and as provided in 12 chapter 7, article 4.1 of this title. The adopted tests shall provide 13 separate scores for quantitative reasoning, verbal reasoning and nonverbal 14 reasoning and shall be capable of providing reliable and valid scores at 15 the highest ranges of the score distribution.

16 16. Adopt rules governing the methods for the administration of all 17 proficiency examinations.

18 17. Adopt proficiency examinations for its use and determine the 19 passing score for the proficiency examinations.

20 18. Include within its budget the cost of contracting for the 21 purchase, distribution and scoring of the examinations as provided in 22 paragraphs 16 and 17 of this subsection.

19. Supervise and control the qualifications of professional nonteaching school personnel and prescribe standards relating to qualifications. The standards shall not require the business manager of a school district to obtain certification from the state board of education.

27 20. Impose such disciplinary action, including disciplinary action
28 pursuant to section 15-505 or the issuance of a letter of censure,
29 suspension, suspension with conditions or revocation of a certificate, on
30 a finding of immoral or unprofessional conduct.

31 21. Establish an assessment, data gathering and reporting system 32 for pupil performance as prescribed in chapter 7, article 3 of this title, 33 including qualifying examinations for the DUAL ENROLLMENT AND college 34 credit by examination incentive program pursuant to section 15-249.06.

35 22. Adopt a rule to promote braille literacy pursuant to section 36 15-214.

37 23. Adopt rules prescribing procedures for the state board of 38 education to investigate every written complaint alleging that a 39 certificated person, a person seeking certification or a noncertificated 40 person has engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct.

41 24. For purposes of federal law, serve as the state board for 42 vocational and technological education and meet at least four times each 43 year solely to execute the powers and duties of the state board for 44 vocational and technological education. 1 25. Develop and maintain a handbook for use in the schools of this 2 state that provides guidance for the teaching of moral, civic and ethical 3 education. The handbook shall promote existing curriculum frameworks and 4 shall encourage school districts to recognize moral, civic and ethical 5 values within instructional and programmatic educational development 6 programs for the general purpose of instilling character and ethical 7 principles in pupils in kindergarten programs and grades one through 8 twelve.

9 26. Require pupils to recite the following passage from the 10 declaration of independence for pupils in grades four through six at the 11 commencement of the first class of the day in the schools, except that a 12 pupil shall not be required to participate if the pupil or the pupil's 13 parent or guardian objects:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. . . .

20 27. Adopt rules that provide for certification reciprocity pursuant 21 to section 15-501.01.

22 28. Adopt rules that provide for the presentation of an honorary
23 high school diploma to a person who has never obtained a high school
24 diploma and who meets both of the following requirements:

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(a) Currently resides in this state.

(b) Provides documented evidence from the department of veterans' services that the person enlisted in the armed forces of the United States and served in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict or the Vietnam conflict.

30 29. Cooperate with the Arizona-Mexico commission in the governor's 31 office and with researchers at universities in this state to collect data and conduct projects in the United States and Mexico on issues that are 32 within the scope of the duties of the department of education and that 33 34 relate to quality of life, trade and economic development in this state in 35 a manner that will help the Arizona-Mexico commission to assess and 36 enhance the economic competitiveness of this state and of the 37 Arizona-Mexico region.

30. Adopt rules to define and provide guidance to schools as to the 39 activities that would constitute immoral or unprofessional conduct of 40 certificated and noncertificated persons.

41 31. Adopt guidelines to encourage pupils in grades nine, ten, 42 eleven and twelve to volunteer for twenty hours of community service 43 before graduation from high school. A school district that complies with 44 the guidelines adopted pursuant to this paragraph is not liable for 45 damages resulting from a pupil's participation in community service unless 1 the school district is found to have demonstrated wanton or reckless 2 disregard for the safety of the pupil and other participants in community 3 service. For the purposes of this paragraph, "community service" may 4 include service learning. The guidelines shall include the following:

5 (a) A list of the general categories in which community service may 6 be performed.

7 (b) A description of the methods by which community service will be 8 monitored.

9 (c) A consideration of risk assessment for community service 10 projects.

(d) Orientation and notification procedures of community service opportunities for pupils entering grade nine, including the development of a notification form. The notification form shall be signed by the pupil and the pupil's parent or guardian, except that a pupil shall not be required to participate in community service if the parent or guardian notifies the principal of the pupil's school in writing that the parent or guardian does not wish the pupil to participate in community service.

18 (e) Procedures for a pupil in grade nine to prepare a written proposal that outlines the type of community service that the pupil would 19 20 like to perform and the goals that the pupil hopes to achieve as a result 21 of community service. The pupil's written proposal shall be reviewed by a 22 faculty advisor, a guidance counselor or any other school employee who is 23 designated as the community service program coordinator for that school. 24 The pupil may alter the written proposal at any time before performing 25 community service.

(f) Procedures for a faculty advisor, a guidance counselor or any other school employee who is designated as the community service program coordinator to evaluate and certify the completion of community service performed by pupils.

30 32. To facilitate the transfer of military personnel and their 31 dependents to and from the public schools of this state, pursue, in 32 cooperation with the Arizona board of regents, reciprocity agreements with 33 other states concerning the transfer credits for military personnel and 34 their dependents. A reciprocity agreement entered into pursuant to this 35 paragraph shall:

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(a) Address procedures for each of the following:

- (i) Transferring student records.
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(ii) Awarding credit for completed coursework.

(iii) Allowing a student to satisfy the graduation requirements prescribed in section 15-701.01 through the successful performance on comparable exit-level assessment instruments administered in another state.

43 (b) Include appropriate criteria developed by the state board of44 education and the Arizona board of regents.

1 33. Adopt guidelines that school district governing boards shall 2 use in identifying pupils who are eligible for gifted programs and in 3 providing gifted education programs and services. The state board of 4 education shall adopt any other guidelines and rules that it deems 5 necessary in order to carry out the purposes of chapter 7, article 4.1 of 6 this title.

7 34. For each of the alternative textbook formats of human-voiced 8 audio, large-print and braille, designate alternative media producers to 9 adapt existing standard print textbooks or to provide specialized textbooks, or both, for pupils with disabilities in this state. Each 10 11 alternative media producer shall be capable of producing alternative 12 textbooks in all relevant subjects in at least one of the alternative 13 textbook formats. The board shall post the designated list of alternative 14 media producers on its website.

35. Adopt a list of approved professional development training 15 16 providers for use by school districts as provided in section 15-107, 17 subsection J. The professional development training providers shall meet 18 the training curriculum requirements determined by the state board of 19 education in at least the areas of school finance, governance, employment, 20 staffing. inventory and human resources. internal controls and 21 procurement.

22 36. Adopt rules to prohibit a person who violates the notification requirements prescribed in section 15-183, subsection C, paragraph 8 or 23 24 section 15-550, subsection D from certification pursuant to this title 25 until the person is no longer charged or is acquitted of any offenses 26 listed in section 41-1758.03, subsection B. The state board shall also 27 rules to prohibit a person who violates the notification adopt 28 requirements. certification surrender requirements fingerprint or 29 clearance card surrender requirements prescribed in section 15-183, 30 subsection C. paragraph 9 or section 15-550, subsection E from 31 certification pursuant to this title for at least ten years after the date 32 of the violation.

33 37. Adopt rules for the alternative certification of teachers of 34 nontraditional foreign languages that allow for the passing of a 35 nationally accredited test to substitute for the education coursework 36 required for certification.

37 38. Adopt rules to define competency-based educational pathways for 38 college and career readiness that may be used by schools. The rules shall 39 include the following components:

40 (a) The establishment of learning outcomes that will be expected 41 for students in a particular subject, beginning with math.

(b) On or before December 31, 2022, a mechanism to allow pupils in
grades seven through twelve who have demonstrated competency in a subject
to immediately obtain credit for the mastery of that subject. The rules
shall include a list of applicable subjects.

1 39. In consultation with the department of health services, the 2 medical professionals. department of education. school health 3 professionals, school administrators and an organization that represents 4 school nurses in this state, adopt rules that prescribe the following for 5 school districts and charter schools:

6 (a) Annual training in the administration of auto-injectable 7 epinephrine for designated medical and nonmedical school personnel. The 8 annual training prescribed in this subdivision is optional during any 9 fiscal year in which a school does not stock epinephrine auto-injectors at 10 the school during that fiscal year.

11 (b) Annual training for all school site personnel on the 12 recognition of anaphylactic shock symptoms and the procedures to follow 13 when anaphylactic shock occurs, following the national guidelines of the 14 American academy of pediatrics. The annual training prescribed in this subdivision is optional during any fiscal year in which a school does not 15 16 stock epinephrine auto-injectors at the school during that fiscal year.

17 (c) Procedures for the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors 18 in emergency situations.

19 (d) Procedures for annually requesting a standing order for 20 epinephrine auto-injectors pursuant to section 15-157 from the chief 21 medical officer of the department of health services, the chief medical 22 officer of a county health department, a doctor of medicine licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, a doctor of naturopathic medicine 23 licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 14 or a doctor of osteopathic 24 25 medicine licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 17.

26 (e) Procedures for reporting the use of epinephrine auto-injectors 27 to the department of health services.

40. In consultation with the department of education, medical 28 29 professionals, school health professionals, school administrators and an organization that represents school nurses in this state, adopt rules that 30 31 prescribe the following for school districts and charter schools that 32 elect to administer inhalers:

33 (a) Annual training in the recognition of respiratory distress symptoms and the procedures to follow when respiratory distress occurs, in 34 35 accordance with good clinical practice, and the administration of 36 inhalers, as directed on the prescription protocol, by designated medical 37 and nonmedical school personnel.

(b) Requirements for school districts and charter schools that 38 elect to administer inhalers to designate at least two employees at each 39 40 school to be trained in the recognition of respiratory distress symptoms 41 and the procedures to follow when respiratory distress occurs, in accordance with good clinical practice, and at least two employees at each 42 43 school to be trained in the administration of inhalers, as directed on the 44 prescription protocol.

1 (c) Procedures for the administration of inhalers in emergency 2 situations, as directed on the prescription protocol.

3 (d) Procedures for annually requesting a standing order for 4 inhalers and spacers or holding chambers pursuant to section 15-158 from 5 the chief medical officer of a county health department, a physician 6 licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13, 14 or 17 or a nurse 7 practitioner licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 15.

8 (e) Procedures for notifying a parent once an inhaler has been 9 administered.

10 41. Adopt rules for certification that allow substitute teachers 11 who can demonstrate primary teaching responsibility in a classroom as 12 defined by the state board of education to use the time spent in that 13 classroom toward the required capstone experience for standard teaching 14 certification.

42. For the purposes of Sandra Day O'Connor civics celebration day instruction under section 15-710.01, develop a list of recommended resources relating to civics education that align with the academic standards prescribed by the state board of education in social studies pursuant to sections 15-701 and 15-701.01. The state board shall establish a process that allows public schools to recommend resources for addition to the list.

43. Direct and oversee the work of all investigators related to investigating certificated persons, persons seeking certification and noncertificated persons for immoral or unprofessional conduct under this title and rules adopted pursuant to this title. The investigators shall be housed within and are employees of the state board of education.

44. Establish best practices for social media and cellular telephone use between students and school personnel, including teachers, coaches and counselors, and encourage school district governing boards and charter school governing bodies to adopt policies that implement these best practices. The state board of education shall make these best practices available to both public and private schools.

45. For the purposes of 9/11 education day instruction under section 15-710.02, develop a list of recommended resources relating to age-appropriate education on the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 that align with the academic standards prescribed by the state board pursuant to sections 15-701 and 15-701.01. The state board shall establish a process that allows public schools to recommend resources for addition to the list.

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- B. The state board of education may:
- 41 1. Contract.
- 42 2. Sue and be sued.

43 3. Distribute and score the tests prescribed in chapter 7, article44 3 of this title.

1 4. Provide for an advisory committee or hearing officers to conduct 2 hearings and screenings to determine whether grounds exist to impose 3 disciplinary action against a certificated person, whether grounds exist 4 to reinstate a revoked or surrendered certificate, whether grounds exist 5 to approve or deny an initial application for certification or a request 6 for renewal of a certificate and whether grounds exist to impose or lift 7 disciplinary action against a noncertificated person. The board may delegate its responsibility to conduct hearings and screenings to its 8 9 advisory committee or hearing officers. Hearings shall be conducted 10 pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, article 6.

5. Proceed with the disposal of any complaint requesting disciplinary action against a noncertificated person after the board has imposed disciplinary action pursuant to section 15-505 or against a person holding a certificate as prescribed in subsection A, paragraph 14 of this section after the suspension or expiration of the certificate or surrender of the certificate by the holder.

6. Assess costs and reasonable attorney fees against a person who
files a frivolous complaint or who files a complaint in bad faith. Costs
assessed pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed the expenses incurred
by the state board of education in the investigation of the complaint.

21 7. Issue subpoenas to compel the attendance and testimony of 22 witnesses and production of documents or any physical evidence in 23 connection with an investigation or hearing of an allegation that a 24 certificated person, a person seeking certification or a noncertificated 25 person has engaged in immoral or unprofessional conduct. If a subpoena 26 issued by the board is disobeyed, the board may petition the superior 27 court to enforce the subpoena. Any failure to obey an order of the court pursuant to this paragraph may be punished by the court as contempt. 28

C. For the purposes of this section, "noncertificated person" has
 the same meaning prescribed in section 15-505.

31 Sec. 2. Section 15-249.06, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 32 read:

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15-249.06. <u>Dual enrollment and college credit by examination</u> <u>incentive program; incentive bonuses; report;</u> <u>qualifying lists for college credit; fund</u>

A. The DUAL ENROLLMENT AND college credit by examination incentive program is established within the department of education to provide an incentive bonus to teachers, school districts and charter schools for students who COMPLETE A QUALIFYING DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE WITH A PASSING GRADE OR obtain a passing score on a qualifying examination for college credit while in high school.

B. The Arizona board of regents shall maintain a list of qualifying examinations that a high school student may take in order to receive college credit in mathematics, English language arts, social studies or science from any university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of 1 regents and the passing scores required on those examinations in order to 2 receive college credit. On or before September 1 of each year, the 3 Arizona board of regents shall provide the list of qualifying examinations 4 and passing scores to the department of education and shall submit this 5 list to the joint legislative budget committee.

6 С. EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN A 7 LIST OF QUALIFYING DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES OFFERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8 15-1821.01 THAT A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT MAY TAKE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE COLLEGE 9 CREDIT IN MATHEMATICS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SOCIAL STUDIES OR SCIENCE AND THE PASSING GRADE REQUIRED IN EACH QUALIFYING DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE 10 11 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDIT. ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH 12 YEAR, EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD SHALL PROVIDE THE 13 LIST OF QUALIFYING DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES AND PASSING GRADES TO THE 14 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE.

C. D. Beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018, The department of 15 16 education shall pay an incentive bonus to school districts and charter 17 schools for each student in grades nine through twelve who receives a 18 passing score during the previous fiscal year on a qualifying examination identified by the Arizona board of regents pursuant to subsection B of 19 20 this section. A student who receives a passing score on a qualifying 21 examination and who is enrolled in a school where fifty percent or more of 22 the students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches shall generate 23 for the school or charter school a bonus of \$450 per passing score on a 24 qualifying examination. A student who receives a passing score on a qualifying examination and who is enrolled in a school where less than 25 26 fifty percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches shall generate for the school or charter school a bonus of \$300 27 28 per passing score on a qualifying examination. If the statewide sum of 29 per student bonuses awarded pursuant to this subsection exceeds the amount of available monies appropriated for incentive bonuses, the bonus monies 30 31 shall be reduced proportionally to cover all eligible bonus awards.

BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 32 Ε. 33 SHALL PAY AN INCENTIVE BONUS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR EACH STUDENT IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE WHO COMPLETES A QUALIFYING DUAL 34 35 ENROLLMENT COURSE, AS IDENTIFIED BY A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GOVERNING 36 BOARD PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION, WITH A PASSING GRADE DURING THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR AND WHO IS ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL WHERE 37 38 FIFTY PERCENT OR MORE OF THE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE 0R 39 REDUCED-PRICE LUNCHES. A STUDENT WHO COMPLETES A QUALIFYING DUAL 40 ENROLLMENT COURSE WITH A PASSING GRADE AND WHO IS ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL 41 WHERE FIFTY PERCENT OR MORE OF THE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCHES SHALL GENERATE FOR THE SCHOOL OR CHARTER SCHOOL A 42 43 BONUS OF \$450 PER PASSING GRADE IN A QUALIFYING DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE. IF THE STATEWIDE SUM OF PER STUDENT BONUSES AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS 44 45 SUBSECTION EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE MONIES APPROPRIATED FOR INCENTIVE BONUSES, THE BONUS MONIES SHALL BE REDUCED PROPORTIONALLY TO
 COVER ALL ELIGIBLE BONUS AWARDS.

3  $\mathbf{D}$ . F. A school district or charter school that receives an 4 incentive bonus pursuant to this section shall distribute at least fifty 5 percent of the bonus monies to the associated classroom teacher for each 6 student who COMPLETES A QUALIFYING DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE WITH A PASSING 7 GRADE OR passes a qualifying examination and to other teachers of relevant 8 subjects who instructed that student, including teachers in the same 9 department or subject matter that contributed to the student COMPLETING A QUALIFYING DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE WITH A PASSING GRADE OR passing the 10 11 QUALIFYING examination, as identified by the school district governing 12 board, the charter school governing body or the school principal. Bonus 13 monies awarded to a teacher pursuant to this subsection are in addition to any regular wage, compensation or other bonus the teacher receives or is 14 15 scheduled to receive and shall be provided to the teacher by the end of 16 the school year or not later than thirty days after the end of the school 17 year. The remainder of any bonus monies received by a school district or 18 charter school shall be allocated by the school principal on behalf of students who receive a PASSING GRADE OR passing score and may be used for 19 20 teacher professional development or student instructional support. 21 reimbursement of examination fees or instructional materials. Any bonus 22 monies received by a school district or charter school pursuant to this subsection shall be separately accounted for in the school district's or 23 24 charter school's annual financial report.

25 E. G. Incentive bonuses distributed to and any bonus monies 26 received by a school district or charter school pursuant to this section 27 are not subject to collective bargaining.

H. Payments made by the department of education pursuant to this section shall be distributed to schools not later than March 1 of each year. School districts and charter schools may appeal the allocation of bonus monies not later than August 1 of each year. The department may withhold up to \$10,000 of the monies appropriated for the purposes of this section to address allocation appeals by school districts and charter schools.

35 **G.** I. On or before December 15, 2018 and on or before December 15 36 of each year thereafter, the department of education shall submit to the 37 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the 38 governor, the secretary of state, and the joint legislative budget 39 committee, a report on all of the following:

40 1. The number of students WHO COMPLETED A QUALIFYING DUAL 41 ENROLLMENT COURSE AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS who took a qualifying 42 examination at each school.

43 2. The number of students WHO COMPLETED A QUALIFYING DUAL 44 ENROLLMENT COURSE WITH A PASSING GRADE, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS who 1 received a passing score on a qualifying examination and the number of 2 incentive bonus awards distributed.

3 3. The number and types of QUALIFYING DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES AND
 4 qualifying examinations taken by students.

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4. The amount of bonus monies received by each school.

6 H. J. Incentive bonuses distributed to and any bonus monies 7 received by a teacher are not compensation as defined in section 38-711.

8 T. K. The DUAL ENROLLMENT AND college credit by examination 9 development fund is established consisting of monies that are appropriated 10 to the department of education for the purposes of this section but that 11 are not distributed by the end of the fiscal year in which the monies are 12 appropriated. The department shall administer the fund. Monies in the 13 fund are continuously appropriated and are exempt from the provisions of 14 section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations. The department shall distribute monies in the fund to schools in which fifty percent or 15 16 more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price lunches to 17 assist those schools in developing and operating QUALIFYING DUAL 18 ENROLLMENT COURSES OR classes that offer qualifying examinations, OR BOTH, 19 pursuant to this section. The department shall prioritize distributions 20 from the fund based on need.

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Sec. 3. <u>Appropriation; department of education; dual</u> <u>enrollment and college credit by examination</u> <u>incentive program</u>

The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the department of education for the dual enrollment and college credit by examination incentive program established by section 15-249.06, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act.