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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 19, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-2406; RELATING TO ARIZONA EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP
ACCOUNTS.

(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 19, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-2406, to read:

4 15-2406. Arizona empowerment scholarship accounts; quarterly
5 report; definition

6 A. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT A QUARTERLY REPORT,
7 CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW, TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE
8 GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES, SHALL POST A COPY ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AND SHALL
10 PROVIDE A COPY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE THE
11 FOLLOWING:

12 1. THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-2403,
13 SUBSECTION H, WHETHER EACH APPLICATION WAS APPROVED OR DENIED AND THE
14 JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH DENIED APPLICATION.

15 2. THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS PROCESSED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER
16 RECEIPT AND THE NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVELY INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS.

17 3. THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED STUDENTS DISAGGREGATED BY:

18 (a) ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY.

19 (b) FOR QUALIFIED STUDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE PURSUANT TO SECTION
20 15-2401.01, THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED A PUBLIC SCHOOL
21 IN THIS STATE IN THE SCHOOL YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FIRST YEAR OF
22 EACH QUALIFIED STUDENT'S ENROLLMENT IN THE ARIZONA EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP
23 ACCOUNT PROGRAM.

24 (c) GRADE LEVEL.

25 (d) THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT EACH QUALIFIED
26 STUDENT ATTENDED IN THE SCHOOL YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FIRST YEAR
27 OF EACH QUALIFIED STUDENT'S ENROLLMENT IN THE ARIZONA EMPOWERMENT
28 SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT PROGRAM, IF APPLICABLE.

29 (e) THE TYPES OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES USED, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF
30 EXPENSES APPROVED FOR EACH TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICE.

31 (f) ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS.

32 (g) QUALIFIED STUDENTS WHO ARE SUBJECT TO AN INDIVIDUALIZED
33 EDUCATION PROGRAM OR WHO HAVE A SECTION 504 ACCOMMODATION PLAN.

34 (h) SELF-REPORTED RACE AND ETHNICITY.

35 (i) HOUSEHOLD INCOME.

36 4. THE ANNUAL AWARD AMOUNT ASSOCIATED WITH EACH ARIZONA EMPOWERMENT
37 SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT.

38 5. THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED STUDENTS WHO WITHDREW FROM THE ARIZONA
39 EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT PROGRAM, WHO FAILED TO RENEW THE ARIZONA
40 EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 15-2402, SUBSECTION
41 F OR WHO WERE REMOVED FROM THE ARIZONA EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT
42 PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-2403, AND THE AMOUNT OF MONIES THAT MUST BE
43 RETURNED TO THE STATE BY THE QUALIFIED STUDENTS DESCRIBED IN THIS
44 PARAGRAPH.

- 1 6. THE AMOUNT OF APPROVED EXPENSES DISAGGREGATED BY TYPE OF EXPENSE
- 2 AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-2402, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 4.
- 3 7. THE PERCENTAGE OF QUALIFIED SCHOOLS THAT ARE ACCREDITED.
- 4 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TYPE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES"
- 5 MEANS EITHER:
- 6 1. A QUALIFIED SCHOOL.
- 7 2. INSTRUCTION PROVIDED BY AN APPROVED VENDOR OR PROVIDER OUTSIDE
- 8 OF A QUALIFIED SCHOOL.