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## **HB 2579**

Introduced by  
Representatives Quiñonez: Crews, Ortiz, Schwiebert, Seaman

### AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 43-222, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 43, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 43-1080; RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDITS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 43-222, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 43-222. Income tax credit review schedule

5 The joint legislative income tax credit review committee shall  
6 review the following income tax credits:

7 1. For years ending in 0 and 5, sections 43-1079.01, 43-1088,  
8 43-1089.04, 43-1167.01 and 43-1175.

9 2. For years ending in 1 and 6, sections 43-1072.02, 43-1074.02,  
10 43-1075, 43-1076.01, 43-1077, 43-1078, 43-1083, 43-1083.02, 43-1162,  
11 43-1164.03 and 43-1183.

12 3. For years ending in 2 and 7, sections 43-1073, 43-1082, 43-1085,  
13 43-1086, 43-1089, 43-1089.01, 43-1089.02, 43-1089.03, 43-1164, 43-1165,  
14 and 43-1181.

15 4. For years ending in 3 and 8, sections 43-1074.01, 43-1168,  
16 43-1170 and 43-1178.

17 5. For years ending in 4 and 9, sections 43-1073.01, 43-1080,  
18 43-1081.01, 43-1083.03, 43-1084, 43-1164.04, 43-1164.05 and 43-1184.

19 Sec. 2. Title 43, chapter 10, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
20 is amended by adding section 43-1080, to read:

21 43-1080. Credit for low-income university and community  
22 college students

23 A. A CREDIT IS ALLOWED AGAINST THE TAXES IMPOSED BY THIS CHAPTER  
24 FOR A TAXABLE YEAR FOR A TAXPAYER WHO MEETS THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

25 1. IS NOT CLAIMED AS A DEPENDENT BY ANY OTHER TAXPAYER.

26 2. IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AS A STUDENT AT ANY UNIVERSITY UNDER THE  
27 JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN  
28 THIS STATE.

29 3. COMPLETES AND SUBMITS THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT  
30 AID AND MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR A FEDERAL PELL GRANT.

31 B. THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS \$1,000 FOR EACH PERSON WHO MEETS THE  
32 REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION AND WHO IS EITHER  
33 THE TAXPAYER OR THE TAXPAYER'S SPOUSE WHO DOES NOT FILE A RETURN.

34 C. IF THE ALLOWABLE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT EXCEEDS THE INCOME TAXES  
35 OTHERWISE DUE ON THE CLAIMANT'S INCOME, THE AMOUNT OF THE CLAIM NOT USED  
36 AS AN OFFSET AGAINST INCOME TAXES SHALL BE PAID IN THE SAME MANNER AS A  
37 REFUND GRANTED UNDER SECTION 42-1118. REFUNDS MADE PURSUANT TO THIS  
38 SUBSECTION ARE SUBJECT TO SETOFF UNDER SECTION 42-1122.

39 Sec. 3. Purpose

40 Pursuant to section 43-223, Arizona Revised Statutes, the  
41 legislature enacts section 43-1080, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by  
42 this act, to support low-income taxpayers in this state who are pursuing  
43 higher education.