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Representative Dunn

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-249.19; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION.

(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 2, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-249.19, to read:

4 15-249.19. Agricultural education grant program; use of grant
5 monies; annual report; definitions

6 A. THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO
8 SUPPORT THE PERSONNEL COSTS OF EXTENDED-HOUR ACTIVITIES TO ADVANCE
9 AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE DEPARTMENT, IN
10 CONSULTATION WITH A STUDENT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATION,
11 SHALL ADOPT RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM,
12 INCLUDING A RECORDKEEPING SYSTEM FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS.

13 B. A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY APPLY FOR GRANT MONIES TO PAY FOR UP TO
14 FOUR HUNDRED HOURS THAT A FULL-TIME CERTIFICATED TEACHER SPENDS ON
15 EXTENDED-HOUR ACTIVITIES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

16 C. A STUDENT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATION MAY
17 EVALUATE GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO
18 SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION AND RECOMMEND TO THE DEPARTMENT GRANT AWARDS
19 TO ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

20 D. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED PURSUANT
21 TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER TO APPROVE AN
22 APPLICATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS
23 SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
24 ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

25 E. ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 EACH YEAR, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT
26 RECEIVED GRANT MONIES DURING THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR SHALL SUBMIT TO THE
27 DEPARTMENT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

28 1. RECORDS OF ALL EXPENSES PAID FOR USING GRANT MONIES.

29 2. A LOG OF ALL TIME SPENT ON EXTENDED-HOUR ACTIVITIES THAT WAS
30 PAID FOR USING GRANT MONIES. THE LOG REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH MUST
31 INCLUDE BOTH:

32 (a) THE NAME OF THE CERTIFICATED TEACHER WHO RECEIVED GRANT MONIES
33 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

34 (b) THE DATE AND AMOUNT OF TIME AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE
35 EXTENDED-HOUR ACTIVITY FOR EACH ENTRY.

36 3. ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE
37 COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION GRANT
38 PROGRAM.

39 F. A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY NOT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL GRANT MONIES UNDER
40 THIS SECTION IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FAILS TO COMPLY WITH EITHER OF THE
41 FOLLOWING:

42 1. THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION E OF THIS
43 SECTION.

44 2. THE AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED
45 IN THIS SECTION AND IN RULES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

1 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
2 1. "EXTENDED-HOUR ACTIVITIES" MEANS ANY TIME THAT A TEACHER SPENDS
3 WORKING TO ADVANCE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION THAT IS
4 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
5 (a) OUTSIDE OF REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS.
6 (b) IN ADDITION TO THE TEACHER'S REGULAR DUTIES.
7 (c) FOR THE PURPOSE OF EITHER INSTRUCTION IN A WORK-BASED LEARNING
8 ENVIRONMENT OR STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION
9 WITH A STUDENT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATION.
10 2. "STUDENT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION ORGANIZATION" MEANS A
11 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT DOES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
12 (a) PROMOTES AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AT SCHOOLS THAT PROVIDE
13 INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS IN ANY OF GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE IN THIS STATE.
14 (b) CONNECTS STUDENTS IN ANY OF GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE TO
15 CAREERS IN THE SCIENCE, BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY OF AGRICULTURE.
16 (c) DEVELOPS STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE.
17 Sec. 2. Appropriations; department of education; agricultural
18 education grant program
19 A. The sum of \$1,198,585 is appropriated from the state general
20 fund in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the department of education for the
21 agricultural education grant program established by section 15-249.19,
22 Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.
23 B. The sum of \$56,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
24 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the department of education to develop a
25 recordkeeping system for the agricultural education grant program
26 established by section 15-249.19, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by
27 this act. For the purposes of this subsection, the department of
28 education may coordinate or contract with a student career and technical
29 education organization as defined in section 15-249.19, Arizona Revised
30 Statutes, as added by this act.