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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE  
8; 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. Title 15, chapter 7, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding article 8, to read:

4 ARTICLE 8. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SUPPORT AND  
5 COLLEGE AND CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM

6 15-799. Graduation support and college and career guidance  
7 program fund

8 A. THE GRADUATION SUPPORT AND COLLEGE AND CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM  
9 FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE STATE  
10 TREASURER SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY  
11 APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING  
12 TO LAPSING. THE STATE TREASURER MAY ACCEPT AND SPEND FEDERAL MONIES AND  
13 PRIVATE GRANTS, GIFTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEVICES TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT  
14 THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE.

15 B. MONIES IN THE FUND MUST FIRST BE SPENT AND THE STATE TREASURER  
16 SHALL TRANSFER MONIES FROM THE FUND TO PAY:

17 1. THE ACTUAL REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED BY THE STATE TREASURER TO  
18 ADMINISTER THE FUND.

19 2. THE ACTUAL REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER SECTION 15-799.01.

21 3. ANY OTHER MANDATORY EXPENDITURE OF STATE REVENUES REQUIRED TO  
22 IMPLEMENT THIS ARTICLE.

23 C. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER MONIES IN THE FUND IN EXCESS  
24 OF THE AMOUNTS PAID PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION IN ACCORDANCE  
25 WITH SECTION 15-799.01.

26 D. THE STATE TREASURER MAY PRESCRIBE FORMS NECESSARY TO TRANSFER  
27 MONIES FROM THE FUND.

28 15-799.01. Graduation support and college and career guidance  
29 program; grants; rules; exemption

30 A. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER THE  
31 GRADUATION SUPPORT AND COLLEGE AND CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM AND SHALL  
32 PROVIDE GRANTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS FROM THE GRADUATION  
33 SUPPORT AND COLLEGE AND CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM FUND ESTABLISHED BY  
34 SECTION 15-799 AND SUPPORT SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT  
35 RECEIVE THE GRANTS.

36 B. NOT LATER THAN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
37 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION,  
38 INCLUDING RULES FOR:

39 1. PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER  
40 SCHOOLS TO APPLY FOR, RECEIVE AND RENEW GRANTS FROM THE GRADUATION SUPPORT  
41 AND COLLEGE AND CAREER GUIDANCE FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 15-799.01,  
42 INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS:

43 (a) FOR PROVIDING REAL-TIME DATA REGARDING STUDENT GRADES,  
44 ATTENDANCE AND BEHAVIOR TO GRADE NINE TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF IN AN  
45 ACCESSIBLE FORMAT.

1 (b) FOR PROVIDING TIME FOR GRADE NINE TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF TO  
2 MEET TO REVIEW DATA AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO INTERVENE WITH AT-RISK  
3 STUDENTS IN GRADE NINE, KEEPING RECORDS OF MEETINGS REQUIRED BY THIS  
4 SUBDIVISION AND PROVIDING THOSE RECORDS TO THE DEPARTMENT ON REQUEST.

5 (c) FOR SPENDING GRANT MONIES AWARDED FOR COUNSELING SERVICES ONLY  
6 ON COUNSELING SERVICES THAT ARE BASED ON A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED  
7 COUNSELING MODEL.

8 (d) FOR ENSURING EFFECTIVE COLLEGE AND CAREER GUIDANCE BY USING  
9 DATA TO GUIDE STUDENTS TO COLLEGES WHERE THEY ARE MOST LIKELY TO GRADUATE  
10 WITH MINIMAL OR NO DEBT.

11 (e) FOR ENSURING THAT GUIDANCE STAFF COMPLETE ANTIBIAS TRAINING  
12 AND, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF THE  
13 STUDENTS THE GUIDANCE STAFF SERVES, INCLUDING PARTNERING WITH A QUALIFIED  
14 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE SERVICES.

15 (f) FOR USING GRANT MONIES TO ESTABLISH AND EXPAND PROGRAMS,  
16 OPPORTUNITIES AND STRATEGIES ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION NOT ALREADY IN  
17 PLACE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE USE IS  
18 NECESSARY TO REPLACE THE LOSS OR EXPIRATION OF TIME-LIMITED GRANTS AND  
19 FEDERAL MONIES.

20 2. EVALUATION PROCEDURES FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS.

21 3. APPROVED USES OF GRANT MONIES RECEIVED FROM THE GRADUATION  
22 SUPPORT AND COLLEGE AND CAREER GUIDANCE PROGRAM FUND ESTABLISHED BY  
23 SECTION 15-799, INCLUDING:

24 (a) DEVELOPING OR EXPANDING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
25 THAT ARE TIED TO HIGH-WAGE, HIGH-DEMAND CAREERS THAT RESULT IN ONE OR MORE  
26 OF THE FOLLOWING:

27 (i) DIRECT WORK EXPERIENCE.

28 (ii) INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION.

29 (iii) POSTSECONDARY CREDITS.

30 (b) DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING ACADEMIC ACCELERATION PROGRAMS  
31 UNDER WHICH OBJECTIVE MEASURES ARE USED TO ENROLL STUDENTS WHO HAD REACHED  
32 PROFICIENCY INTO THE NEXT MORE RIGOROUS COURSE IN THAT CONTENT AREA.

33 (c) EXPANDING COLLEGE-LEVEL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING:

34 (i) ADVANCED PLACEMENT, INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE OR COMPARABLE  
35 COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES.

36 (ii) DUAL CREDIT, COENROLLMENT PROGRAMS.

37 (iii) EXTENDED COENROLLMENT PROGRAMS OFFERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A  
38 COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THIS STATE, A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF  
39 THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS OR ANOTHER ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
40 LEARNING OR POST-HIGH SCHOOL CAREER SCHOOL IN THIS STATE.

41 (iv) THE RECRUITMENT, LICENSING, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF  
42 PERSONNEL TO PROVIDE COLLEGE-LEVEL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO HIGH  
43 SCHOOL STUDENTS.

1 (d) ASSISTING STUDENTS IN COMPLETING GRADE NINE WITH SUFFICIENT  
2 CREDITS TO BE ON TRACK FOR ON-TIME GRADUATION, INCLUDING:

3 (i) IMPLEMENTING EVIDENCE-BASED STRATEGIES AND PROGRAMS TO COMBAT  
4 CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM.

5 (ii) EXPANDING TUTORING, MENTORING, COUNSELING, MENTAL HEALTH AND  
6 WRAPAROUND SERVICES THAT MEET HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' IMMEDIATE NEEDS.

7 4. PROCEDURES THAT WILL ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ONGOING  
8 SUPPORT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT RECEIVE GRANT MONIES  
9 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

10 C. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL:

11 1. BEGIN ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS NOT LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS  
12 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION.

13 2. NOTIFY THE STATE TREASURER WHEN GRANTS ARE AWARDED UNDER THIS  
14 SECTION AND DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER MONIES FROM THE  
15 GRADUATION SUPPORT AND COLLEGE AND CAREER GUIDANCE FUND ESTABLISHED BY  
16 SECTION 15-799 TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL AWARDED THE GRANT.

17 D. GRANTS MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE EXEMPT FROM TITLE 41,  
18 CHAPTER 23.

19 Sec. 2. Exemption from rulemaking

20 Notwithstanding any other law, for the purposes of this act, the  
21 department of education is exempt from the rulemaking requirements of  
22 title 41, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, for one year after the  
23 effective date of this act.

24 Sec. 3. Appropriation; graduation support and college and  
25 career guidance program fund; exemption

26 A. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the state general  
27 fund in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the graduation support and college and  
28 career guidance program fund established by section 15-799, Arizona  
29 Revised Statutes, as added by this act, for providing grants to school  
30 districts and charter schools pursuant to section 15-799.01, Arizona  
31 Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

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