

REFERENCE TITLE: appropriation; dual enrollment training; scholarships

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## **SB 1728**

Introduced by  
Senator Gonzales

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

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

2 Section 1. Appropriation; exemption; Arizona board of  
3 regents; dual enrollment instructor  
4 scholarships; annual report; delayed repeal;  
5 definitions

6 A. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund  
7 in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Arizona board of regents to administer a  
8 dual enrollment instructor scholarship program. The appropriation made in  
9 this subsection is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona  
10 Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations, except that all  
11 unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining on July 1, 2027 revert to the  
12 state general fund.

13 B. In fiscal years 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027, the Arizona  
14 board of regents shall use the monies appropriated in subsection A of this  
15 section to award scholarships on a first-come, first-served basis to  
16 provide scholarships to eligible teachers who are seeking to become dual  
17 enrollment instructors.

18 C. The Arizona board of regents may award a scholarship to an  
19 eligible teacher for up to the actual costs of an educational or training  
20 program that satisfies the requirements adopted by a higher learning  
21 commission for dual enrollment instructors. The amount of scholarship  
22 monies awarded pursuant to this subsection may not exceed the teacher's  
23 actual costs minus other financial gifts, aid or grants received by the  
24 teacher.

25 D. On or before \_\_\_\_, 2024 and each year thereafter, the Arizona  
26 board of regents shall submit a report to the president of the senate, the  
27 speaker of the house of representatives and the governor and shall provide  
28 a copy of the report to the secretary of state that includes all of the  
29 following for the previous school year:

30 1. The statewide number of applicants for dual enrollment  
31 instructor scholarships.

32 2. The names of each school district and charter school that  
33 employs eligible teachers who received or applied for dual enrollment  
34 instructor scholarships.

35 3. The average amount of scholarship monies awarded for the state.

36 E. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2028.

37 F. For the purposes of this section:

38 1. "Eligible teacher" means a certificated teacher who is currently  
39 employed by a school district or charter school in this state if both of  
40 the following apply:

41 (a) The school district or charter school that employs the teacher  
42 does not offer dual enrollment courses on or before the date on which the  
43 teacher enrolls in the educational or training program.

1           (b) At least seventy-five percent of the students who are enrolled  
2 in the school district or charter school that employs the teacher are  
3 eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.

4           2. "Higher learning commission" means a higher learning commission  
5 that accredits degree-granting postsecondary education institutions in the  
6 north central region, including this state.