

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2622
(Reference to Senate engrossed House bill)

1 Page 1, after line 22, insert:

2 "Sec. 2. Section 15-236, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-236. Special education programs; program and fiscal
5 audits

6 A. The department of education shall conduct program and fiscal
7 audits of selected district special education programs. The audits shall
8 be designed to determine the degree of compliance with existing statutes
9 and regulations and the appropriate placement of students in special
10 education programs. A report of the findings of such audits shall be
11 completed on or before ~~January~~ FEBRUARY 3 of each year. If the department
12 of education determines that a child has been inappropriately placed in a
13 special education program of a school district, the district's weighted
14 student count for educational support services for students in group B as
15 provided in section 15-943 shall be recomputed and the district's
16 entitlement to state aid adjusted accordingly.

17 B. For each fiscal year the department of education shall request a
18 separate line item appropriation for program and fiscal audits of special
19 education programs in the budget estimate submitted pursuant to section
20 35-113.

21 Sec. 3. Section 15-802, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
22 read:

23 15-802. School instruction; exceptions; violations;
24 classification; definitions

25 A. Every child between the ages of six and sixteen years shall
26 attend a school and shall be provided instruction in at least the subjects
27 of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science. The person
28 who has custody of the child shall choose a public, private or charter

1 school or a homeschool as defined in this section to provide instruction
2 OR SHALL SIGN A CONTRACT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ARIZONA EMPOWERMENT
3 SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-2402.

4 B. The parent or person who has custody shall do the following:

5 1. If the child will attend a public, private or charter school,
6 enroll the child in and ensure that the child attends a public, private or
7 charter school for the full time school is in session. In accordance with
8 guidelines adopted by the department of education, school districts and
9 charter schools shall require and maintain verifiable documentation of
10 residency in this state for pupils who enroll in the school district or
11 charter school. If a child attends a school that is operated on a
12 year-round basis, the child shall regularly attend during school sessions
13 that total not less than one hundred eighty school days or two hundred
14 school days, as applicable, or the equivalent as approved by the
15 superintendent of public instruction.

16 2. If the child will attend a private school or homeschool, file an
17 affidavit of intent with the county school superintendent stating that the
18 child is attending a regularly organized private school or is being
19 provided with instruction in a homeschool. The affidavit of intent shall
20 include:

21 (a) The child's name.

22 (b) The child's date of birth.

23 (c) The current address of the school the child is attending.

24 (d) The names, telephone numbers and addresses of the persons who
25 currently have custody of the child.

26 3. If the child will attend homeschool, the child has not reached
27 eight years of age by September 1 of the school year and the person who
28 has custody of the child does not desire to begin home instruction until
29 the child has reached eight years of age, file an affidavit of intent
30 pursuant to paragraph 2 of this subsection stating that the person who has
31 custody of the child does not desire to begin homeschool instruction.

1 C. An affidavit of intent shall be filed within thirty days from
2 the time the child begins to attend a private school or homeschool and is
3 not required thereafter unless the private school or the homeschool
4 instruction is terminated and then resumed. The person who has custody of
5 the child shall notify the county school superintendent within thirty days
6 of the termination that the child is no longer being instructed at a
7 private school or a homeschool. If the private school or homeschool
8 instruction is resumed, the person who has custody of the child shall file
9 another affidavit of intent with the county school superintendent within
10 thirty days.

11 D. A person is excused from the duties prescribed by subsection A
12 or B of this section if any of the following is shown to the satisfaction
13 of the school principal or the school principal's designee:

14 1. The child is in such physical or mental condition that
15 instruction is inexpedient or impracticable.

16 2. The child has completed the high school course of study
17 necessary for completion of grade ten as prescribed by the state board of
18 education.

19 3. The child has presented reasons for nonattendance at a public
20 school that are satisfactory to the school principal or the school
21 principal's designee. For the purposes of this paragraph, the principal's
22 designee may be the school district governing board.

23 4. The child is over fourteen years of age and is employed, with
24 the consent of the person who has custody of him, at some lawful wage
25 earning occupation.

26 5. The child is enrolled in a work training, career education,
27 career and technical education, vocational education or manual training
28 program that meets the educational standards established and approved by
29 the department of education.

30 6. The child was either:

31 (a) Suspended and not directed to participate in an alternative
32 education program.

1 (b) Expelled from a public school as provided in article 3 of this
2 chapter.

3 7. The child is enrolled in an education program provided by a
4 state educational or other institution.

5 E. Unless otherwise exempted in this section or section 15-803, a
6 parent of a child between six and sixteen years of age or a person who has
7 custody of a child, who does not provide instruction in a homeschool and
8 who fails to enroll or fails to ensure that the child attends a public,
9 private or charter school pursuant to this section OR FAILS TO SIGN A
10 CONTRACT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO
11 SECTION 15-2402 is guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor. A parent who fails to
12 comply with the duty to file an affidavit of intent to provide instruction
13 in a homeschool is guilty of a petty offense.

14 F. IF A CHILD WILL BE EDUCATED PURSUANT TO AN EMPOWERMENT
15 SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-2402, THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE CONTRACT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
17 EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT TO THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE COUNTY
18 WHERE THE PUPIL RESIDES.

19 ~~F.~~ G. For the purposes of this section:

20 1. "EDUCATED PURSUANT TO AN EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT" MEANS
21 A CHILD WHOSE PARENT HAS SIGNED A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-2402 TO
22 EDUCATE THE CHILD OUTSIDE OF ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL AND IN
23 WHICH THE PARENT MAY BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO ENROLL THE CHILD IN A PRIVATE
24 SCHOOL OR TO EDUCATE THE CHILD THROUGH ANY OF THE METHODS SPECIFIED IN
25 SECTION 15-2402.

26 ~~1.~~ 2. "Homeschool" means a nonpublic school conducted primarily by
27 the parent, guardian or other person who has custody of the child or
28 nonpublic instruction provided in the child's home.

29 ~~2.~~ 3. "Private school" means a nonpublic institution, other than
30 the child's home, where academic instruction is provided for at least the
31 same number of days and hours each year as a public school.

1 Sec. 4. Section 15-1182, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 15-1182. Special education fund; administration

4 A. There is established a special education fund, which shall
5 consist of legislative appropriations made to the fund for purposes of
6 this section and section 15-1202 ~~and chapter 19, article 1 of this title.~~

7 B. The fund shall be administered by the superintendent of public
8 instruction for the purposes provided in this article and article 7 of
9 this chapter ~~and chapter 19, article 1 of this title.~~

10 C. Each fiscal year the state board of education shall include in
11 its budget request for assistance to schools a separate line item for the
12 fund.

13 D. The fund shall provide monies for the education of a child who
14 has been placed in a residential facility by a state placing agency or who
15 requires a residential special education placement as defined in section
16 15-761 ~~or for deposit into an Arizona empowerment scholarship account~~
17 ~~pursuant to section 15-2402.~~

18 E. If a child has been placed in a residential facility by a state
19 placing agency, the fund shall provide monies for the following types of
20 vouchers:

21 1. Initial residential education vouchers to fund the educational
22 costs for any child, whether or not eligible for special education. This
23 paragraph applies to a child who has been placed in a residential facility
24 and who has either not received a comprehensive education evaluation as
25 provided in section 15-766, who has previously received such an evaluation
26 and was determined to be ineligible for special education services or who
27 is eligible for special education and for whom necessary procedures for
28 changing the child's educational placement must be completed. This
29 voucher expires on the expiration of sixty calendar days or completion of
30 the educational evaluation or review of special education placement,
31 whichever occurs first.

1 2. Continuing residential education vouchers that fund the
2 educational costs for any child, whether or not eligible for special
3 education, who requires placement in a residential facility after the
4 expiration of the initial education voucher and who is not eligible for a
5 residential special education voucher.

6 F. When a school district makes a residential special education
7 placement, the fund shall provide monies to fund the residential special
8 education placement.

9 G. Monies in the fund are exempt from the provisions of section
10 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations. Any monies left unexpended
11 may be distributed to school districts by the department of education for
12 the following purposes:

13 1. To provide educational counseling, training and support services
14 to a child with a disability in order to maintain the child's educational
15 placement in the least restrictive environment.

16 2. To provide educational transition assistance to children who
17 return to their home after placement in a residential facility.

18 3. To train personnel for and develop and implement model programs
19 for use by school districts to serve children with emotional disabilities.

20 H. The total amount of state monies that may be spent in any fiscal
21 year by the superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of this
22 article ~~and chapter 19, article 1 of this title~~ shall not exceed the
23 amount appropriated or authorized by section 35-173 for that
24 purpose. This article shall not be construed to impose a duty on an
25 officer, agent or employee of this state to discharge a responsibility or
26 to create any right in a person or group if the discharge or right would
27 require an expenditure of state monies in excess of the expenditure
28 authorized by legislative appropriation for that specific purpose.

29 Sec. 5. Section 15-2401, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
30 read:

31 15-2401. Definitions

32 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1 1. "CURRICULUM" MEANS A COMPLETE COURSE OF STUDY FOR A PARTICULAR
2 CONTENT AREA OR GRADE LEVEL, INCLUDING ANY SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS REQUIRED
3 BY THE CURRICULUM.

4 ~~1.~~ 2. "Department" means the department of education.

5 ~~2.~~ 3. "Eligible postsecondary institution" means a community
6 college as defined in section 15-1401, a university under the jurisdiction
7 of the Arizona board of regents or an accredited private postsecondary
8 institution.

9 ~~3.~~ 4. "Parent" means a resident of this state who is the parent or
10 legal guardian of a qualified student.

11 ~~4.~~ 5. "Qualified school" means a nongovernmental primary or
12 secondary school or a preschool for handicapped students that is located
13 in this state and that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color
14 or national origin.

15 ~~5.~~ 6. "Qualified student" means a resident of this state who:

16 (a) Is ~~either~~ ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

17 (i) Identified as having a disability under section 504 of the
18 rehabilitation act OF 1973 (29 United States Code section 794). ~~;~~

19 (ii) Identified by a school district as a child with a disability
20 as defined in section 15-761. ~~or~~

21 (iii) A child with a disability who is eligible to receive services
22 from a school district under section 15-763.

23 (iv) ATTENDING A SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A
24 LETTER GRADE OF D OR F PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-241.

25 (v) A PREVIOUS RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP ISSUED PURSUANT TO
26 SECTION 15-891 OR THIS SECTION.

27 (vi) A CHILD OF A PARENT WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE
28 UNITED STATES AND WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY.

1 (vii) A CHILD WITH A GUARDIAN WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES
2 OF THE UNITED STATES AND WHO IS ON ACTIVE DUTY.

3 (viii) A CHILD WHO IS A WARD OF THE JUVENILE COURT AND WHO IS
4 RESIDING WITH A PROSPECTIVE PERMANENT PLACEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-862
5 AND THE CASE PLAN IS ADOPTION OR PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP.

6 (ix) A CHILD WHO WAS A WARD OF THE JUVENILE COURT AND WHO ACHIEVED
7 PERMANENCY THROUGH ADOPTION OR PERMANENT GUARDIANSHIP.

8 (b) And who did any of the following:

9 ~~(a)~~ (i) Attended a governmental primary or secondary school as a
10 full-time student as defined in section 15-901 for at least the first one
11 hundred days of the prior fiscal year and who transferred from a
12 governmental primary or secondary school ~~to a qualified school~~ UNDER A
13 CONTRACT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT.

14 ~~(b)~~ (ii) PREVIOUSLY participated in the empowerment scholarship
15 account program ~~in the previous year and whose parent renews the agreement~~
16 ~~pursuant to section 15-2402, subsection B.~~

17 ~~(c)~~ (iii) Received a scholarship under section 43-1505 and who
18 continues to attend a qualified school.

19 (iv) WAS ELIGIBLE FOR AN ARIZONA SCHOLARSHIP FOR PUPILS WITH
20 DISABILITIES AND RECEIVED MONIES FROM A SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION
21 PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1505 OR RECEIVED AN ARIZONA SCHOLARSHIP FOR PUPILS
22 WITH DISABILITIES BUT DID NOT RECEIVE MONIES FROM A SCHOOL TUITION
23 ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1505 AND WHO CONTINUES TO ATTEND A
24 QUALIFIED SCHOOL.

25 ~~6.~~ 7. "Treasurer" means the office of the state treasurer.

26 Sec. 6. Section 15-2402, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
27 read:

28 15-2402. Arizona empowerment scholarship accounts

29 A. Arizona empowerment scholarship accounts are established to
30 provide options for the education of students in this state.

1 B. To enroll a qualified student for an empowerment scholarship
2 account, the parent of the qualified student must sign an agreement to do
3 all of the following:

4 1. Provide an education for the qualified student in at least the
5 subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science.

6 2. Not enroll the qualified student in a school district or charter
7 school and release the school district from all obligations to educate the
8 qualified student. THIS PARAGRAPH DOES NOT RELIEVE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR
9 CHARTER SCHOOL THAT THE QUALIFIED STUDENT PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED FROM THE
10 OBLIGATION TO CONDUCT AN EVALUATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-766.

11 3. Not accept a scholarship from a school tuition organization
12 pursuant to title 43 CONCURRENTLY WITH AN EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT
13 for the qualified student in the same year a parent signs the agreement
14 pursuant to ~~subsection B of~~ this section.

15 4. Use the money deposited in the qualified student's Arizona
16 empowerment scholarship account only for the following expenses of the
17 qualified student:

18 (a) Tuition or fees at a qualified school.

19 (b) Textbooks required by a qualified school.

20 (c) Educational therapies or services for the qualified student
21 from a licensed or accredited practitioner or provider, INCLUDING LICENSED
22 OR ACCREDITED PARAPROFESSIONALS OR EDUCATIONAL AIDES.

23 (d) Tutoring services provided by a tutor accredited by a state,
24 regional or national accrediting organization.

25 (e) Curriculum.

26 (f) Tuition or fees for a nonpublic online learning program.

27 (g) Fees for a nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement
28 test, advanced placement examinations or any exams related to college or
29 university admission.

1 (h) Contributions to a qualified tuition program established
2 pursuant to ~~11~~ 26 United States Code section 529 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
3 QUALIFIED STUDENT.

4 (i) Tuition or fees at an eligible postsecondary institution.

5 (j) Textbooks required by an eligible postsecondary institution.

6 (k) Fees for management of the empowerment scholarship account by
7 firms selected by the ~~department~~ TREASURER.

8 (l) SERVICES PROVIDED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL
9 CLASSES AND EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS.

10 5. NOT FILE AN AFFIDAVIT OF INTENT TO HOMESCHOOL PURSUANT TO
11 SECTION 15-802, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 2 OR 3.

12 6. NOT USE MONIES DEPOSITED IN THE QUALIFIED STUDENT'S ACCOUNT FOR
13 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

14 (a) COMPUTER HARDWARE OR OTHER TECHNOLOGICAL DEVICES.

15 (b) TRANSPORTATION OF THE PUPIL.

16 (c) CONSUMABLE EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES, INCLUDING PAPER, PENS OR
17 MARKERS.

18 C. In exchange for the parent's agreement pursuant to subsection B
19 of this section, the department shall transfer from the ~~special education~~
20 ~~fund pursuant to section 15-1182~~ MONIES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE ALLOCATED
21 TO A RECIPIENT'S PRIOR SCHOOL DISTRICT to the treasurer for deposit into
22 an Arizona empowerment scholarship account an amount that is equivalent to
23 ninety per cent of the base support level prescribed in section 15-943 for
24 that particular student. THE DEPARTMENT MAY RETAIN UP TO FIVE PER CENT OF
25 THE BASE SUPPORT LEVEL PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-943 FOR EACH STUDENT WITH
26 AN EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT FOR DEPOSIT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
27 EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT FUND ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION D
28 OF THIS SECTION, OUT OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL TRANSFER ONE PER CENT
29 OF THE BASE SUPPORT LEVEL PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-943 FOR EACH STUDENT
30 WITH AN EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT TO THE STATE TREASURER FOR DEPOSIT
31 IN THE STATE TREASURER EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT FUND ESTABLISHED IN
32 SUBSECTION E OF THIS SECTION.

1 D. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT FUND
2 IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES RETAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO
3 SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.
4 MONIES IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION. MONIES IN
5 THE FUND SHALL BE USED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S COSTS IN ADMINISTERING
6 EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS UNDER THIS CHAPTER. MONIES IN THE FUND
7 ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF
8 APPROPRIATIONS. IF THE NUMBER OF EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS
9 SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES AFTER FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013, THE DEPARTMENT MAY
10 REQUEST AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND IN ANY
11 SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR IN THE BUDGET ESTIMATE SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO
12 SECTION 35-113.

13 E. THE STATE TREASURER EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT FUND IS
14 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES TRANSFERRED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE
15 STATE TREASURER PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION. THE STATE
16 TREASURER SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL BE USED FOR
17 THE STATE TREASURER'S COSTS IN ADMINISTERING THE EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP
18 ACCOUNTS UNDER THIS CHAPTER. IF THE NUMBER OF EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP
19 ACCOUNTS SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES AFTER FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014, THE STATE
20 TREASURER MAY REQUEST AN INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND
21 IN ANY SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR IN THE BUDGET ESTIMATE SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO
22 SECTION 35-113. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE
23 APPROPRIATION. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF
24 SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS.

25 ~~D.~~ F. A parent must renew the qualified student's empowerment
26 scholarship account on an annual basis. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CHANGES TO
27 THE STUDENT'S MULTIDISCIPLINARY EVALUATION TEAM PLAN, A STUDENT WHO HAS
28 PREVIOUSLY QUALIFIED FOR AN EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT SHALL REMAIN
29 ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR RENEWAL UNTIL THE STUDENT FINISHES HIGH SCHOOL.

1 ~~E.~~ G. A signed agreement under this section constitutes school
2 attendance required by section 15-802.

3 ~~F.~~ H. A qualified school or a provider of services purchased
4 pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 4 of this section may not share,
5 refund or rebate any Arizona empowerment scholarship account monies with
6 the parent or qualified ~~child~~ STUDENT in any manner.

7 ~~G.~~ I. On the qualified student's graduation from a postsecondary
8 institution or after any period of four consecutive years after high
9 school graduation in which the student is not enrolled in an eligible
10 postsecondary institution, the qualified student's Arizona empowerment
11 scholarship account shall be closed and any remaining funds shall be
12 returned to the state.

13 ~~H.~~ J. Monies received pursuant to this article ~~does~~ DO not
14 constitute taxable income to the parent of the ~~qualifying~~ QUALIFIED
15 student.

16 Sec. 7. Section 15-2403, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
17 read:

18 15-2403. Empowerment scholarship accounts; administration;
19 audit; rules

20 A. The treasurer may contract with private financial management
21 firms to manage Arizona empowerment scholarship accounts with the
22 supervision of the treasurer.

23 B. The department shall conduct or contract for annual audits of a
24 random sample of empowerment scholarship accounts to ensure compliance
25 with section 15-2402, subsection B, paragraph 4. The department may also
26 conduct or contract for audits of empowerment scholarship accounts as
27 needed to ensure compliance with section 15-2402, subsection B,
28 paragraph 4.

29 C. The department may remove any parent or qualified student from
30 eligibility for an Arizona empowerment scholarship account and shall
31 notify the treasurer. A parent may appeal the department's decision
32 pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, article 10.

1 D. The department may refer cases of substantial misuse of monies
2 to the attorney general for investigation if the department obtains
3 evidence of fraudulent use of an account.

4 ~~E. The treasurer may deduct up to three per cent of the amount of~~
5 ~~student state aid from each empowerment scholarship account for the costs~~
6 ~~of administering empowerment scholarship accounts under this chapter,~~
7 ~~including costs incurred by the department.~~

8 ~~F.~~ E. The department shall make quarterly transfers of the amount
9 calculated pursuant to section 15-2402, subsection C to the treasurer for
10 deposit into the empowerment scholarship account of each qualified
11 student.

12 F. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE A PERIOD THAT IS BETWEEN JULY 1
13 AND MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR DURING WHICH IT WILL ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR THE
14 FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR. ON OR BEFORE MAY 30 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT
15 SHALL FURNISH TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE AN ESTIMATE OF THE
16 AMOUNT REQUIRED TO FUND EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS FOR THE FOLLOWING
17 FISCAL YEAR. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE
18 FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED IN SECTION 15-2402, SUBSECTION
19 C FOR EACH QUALIFIED STUDENT.

20 G. The department may adopt rules AND POLICIES necessary for the
21 administration of empowerment scholarship accounts.

22 Sec. 8. Appropriation; department of education; exemption

23 A. The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the department of
24 education empowerment scholarship account fund established by section
25 15-2402, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, in fiscal year
26 2012-2013 to the department of education for the purposes prescribed in
27 that section.

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

Free Conference Committee Amendments to H.B. 2622

- 1 Sec. 9. Effective date
- 2 Section 15-1182, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act,
- 3 is effective from and after June 30, 2013."
- 4 Amend title to conform

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