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AN ACT

CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF TITLE 15, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, TO "STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES"; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 15-1421 AND 15-1422; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-3018.01; RELATING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Heading change

3 The article heading of title 15, chapter 12, article 2, Arizona Revised
4 Statutes, is changed from "STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES"
5 to "STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES".

6 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 12, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by adding sections 15-1421 and 15-1422, to read:

8 15-1421. Members; appointment; terms; vacancy

9 A. THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF
10 THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO SECTION
11 38-211:

12 1. THREE MEMBERS WHO EITHER ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS
13 COMMUNITY OR ARE ENGAGED IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY. MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO
14 THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL SERVE STAGGERED SIX YEAR TERMS THAT BEGIN AND END ON THE
15 THIRD MONDAY IN JANUARY.

16 2. FOUR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO
17 THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL SERVE STAGGERED SIX YEAR TERMS THAT BEGIN AND END ON THE
18 THIRD MONDAY IN JANUARY.

19 3. ONE MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, WHO SHALL SERVE A TWO
20 YEAR TERM THAT BEGINS AND ENDS ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN JANUARY.

21 4. ONE MEMBER OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS, WHO SHALL SERVE A TWO
22 YEAR TERM THAT BEGINS AND ENDS ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN JANUARY.

23 5. ONE PRESIDENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WHO SHALL SERVE A ONE YEAR
24 TERM THAT BEGINS AND ENDS ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN JANUARY.

25 6. ONE MEMBER OF A GOVERNING BOARD OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT,
26 WHO SHALL SERVE A ONE YEAR TERM THAT BEGINS AND ENDS ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN
27 JANUARY.

28 B. THE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES
29 SHALL REPRESENT THE BROAD INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE.

30 C. AT LEAST TWO OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE STATE BOARD FOR
31 COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL RESIDE IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN
32 EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS.

33 D. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 38-291, THE OFFICE OF A MEMBER OF THE STATE
34 BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES WHO IS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A,
35 PARAGRAPH 3 OR 4 OF THIS SECTION IS DEEMED VACANT IF THE PERSON CEASES TO BE
36 A MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

37 E. ONE OF THE MEMBERS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 5
38 OR 6 SHALL BE FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS
39 THAN EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS AND THE OTHER MEMBER APPOINTED PURSUANT
40 TO SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 5 OR 6 SHALL BE FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN A
41 COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF AT LEAST EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS.

42 15-1422. Powers and duties

43 A. THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES SHALL:

44 1. PROVIDE A STATEWIDE FOCUS ON THE ROLE AND MISSION OF THE COMMUNITY
45 COLLEGE SYSTEM AS PART OF THE OVERALL EDUCATION SYSTEM OF THIS STATE.

- 1 2. RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL CONTROL BY LOCALLY ELECTED
2 GOVERNING BOARDS OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS BEING RESPONSIVE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.
- 4 3. IN COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS, PROVIDE
5 STATEWIDE PLANNING, COORDINATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY.
- 6 4. SUPPORT A SEAMLESS EDUCATION SYSTEM THAT PREPARES STUDENTS FOR
7 COLLEGE AND THE WORKFORCE.
- 8 5. CONSULT AND COORDINATE WITH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS ON MATTERS
9 BEFORE THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES THAT AFFECT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
10 DISTRICTS, INCLUDING POWERS AND DUTIES DELEGATED TO THE STATE BOARD FOR.
- 11 6. CONSULT AND COORDINATE WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE
12 ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS AS NECESSARY IN ACCOMPLISHING THE POWERS AND DUTIES
13 OF THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.
- 14 7. THROUGH A STATEWIDE PLANNING PROCESS, ESTABLISH BOTH:
 - 15 (a) STATEWIDE GOALS FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM IN THIS STATE,
16 INCLUDING A FOCUS ON WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE ROLE OF THE
17 COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM IN THE OVERALL EDUCATION SYSTEM OF THIS STATE.
 - 18 (b) ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHED
19 STATEWIDE GOALS.
- 20 8. ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR:
 - 21 (a) ARTICULATION PROCEDURES THAT MAXIMIZE TRANSFER OF CREDITS TOWARD
22 DEGREES.
 - 23 (b) DELIVERY OF PROGRAMS OR SPECIFIC COURSES, OR BOTH, OUTSIDE THE
24 BOUNDARIES OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.
 - 25 (c) CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF PROGRAM OFFERINGS FOR CREDIT, INCLUDING
26 DUAL ENROLLMENT AND CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT.
 - 27 (d) DEVELOPMENT OF WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT RECOGNIZE
28 DIFFERENCES DUE TO PROGRAM AND LOCATION AND THAT ALLOW FOR LOCAL OR STATEWIDE
29 WORKFORCE DEMANDS.
 - 30 (e) UNIFORM DATA COLLECTION, REPORTING AND BUDGET FORMATS.
 - 31 (f) SOUND AUDITING MECHANISMS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OF THE FINANCES OF
32 THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS
33 THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE USED BY THE AUDITOR GENERAL.
- 34 9. CONSULT AND COORDINATE WITH THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS TO DEVELOP
35 ARTICULATION PROCEDURES AND COMMON COURSE NUMBERS THAT MAXIMIZE TRANSFER OF
36 CREDITS TOWARD DEGREES BETWEEN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND POSTSECONDARY
37 INSTITUTIONS THAT AWARD FOUR-YEAR DEGREES.
- 38 10. ASSIST, AS NECESSARY, TO SUPPORT CURRICULA AND PROGRAMS IN
39 KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND GRADES ONE THROUGH TWELVE TO ENSURE CAREER AND
40 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION READINESS.
- 41 11. REVIEW ESTIMATES OF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENT COUNTS SUBMITTED
42 BY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS.
- 43 12. REVIEW CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS
44 OR BETWEEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS AND POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS THAT
45 AWARD FOUR-YEAR DEGREES.

- 1 13. COORDINATE STANDARDS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF DATA BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY
2 COLLEGE DISTRICTS AND THE OVERALL EDUCATION SYSTEM OF THIS STATE.
- 3 14. MONITOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES AND
4 PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.
- 5 15. ANNUALLY COORDINATE THE SUBMISSION OF LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
6 DISTRICT BUDGET REQUESTS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR AND SUBMIT TO
7 THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
8 IN THIS STATE, WITH ANTICIPATED OUTCOME MEASURES, SYSTEM-WIDE BUDGET REQUESTS
9 OR LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BUDGET REQUESTS, OR BOTH, FOR ADDITIONAL
10 FUNDING IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHED STATEWIDE GOALS.
- 11 16. ANNUALLY COORDINATE A JOINT CONFERENCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE
12 DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS AND MEMBERS OF THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY
13 COLLEGES TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES.
- 14 17. PERIODICALLY CONDUCT ON-SITE VISITS OR STATE BOARD MEETINGS AT
15 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS TO FAMILIARIZE STATE BOARD MEMBERS WITH DISTRICT
16 PROGRAMS, FACILITIES AND SERVICE AREAS.
- 17 18. FOSTER COLLABORATION WITHIN THE OVERALL EDUCATION SYSTEM OF THIS
18 STATE AND WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.
- 19 19. COORDINATE WITH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE ARIZONA BOARD
20 OF REGENTS FOR A LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM TO ASSESS SYSTEMS OF ARTICULATION,
21 ALIGNMENT AND STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH
22 THIS PARAGRAPH.
- 23 20. SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR ON THE
24 IDENTIFICATION OF AND PROGRESS TOWARD STATEWIDE GOALS, USING ESTABLISHED
25 ACCOUNTABILITY AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES. THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY
26 COLLEGES SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND
27 THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS.
- 28 21. SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR ON
29 INCOME AND EXPENDITURES BY THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES. THE STATE
30 BOARD SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE
31 DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS.
- 32 22. COORDINATE THE SUBMISSION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT REPORTS AS
33 REQUIRED BY LAW OR AS REQUESTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OR THE GOVERNOR.
- 34 23. REVIEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLANS.
- 35 24. REVIEW COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ACCREDITATION REPORTS AS
36 SUBMITTED TO REGIONAL OR NATIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCIES AND REPORTS GENERATED
37 BY REGIONAL OR NATIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCIES THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO A COMMUNITY
38 COLLEGE DISTRICT'S ACCREDITATION.
- 39 25. REVIEW ANNUAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORTS.
- 40 26. SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR AS THE
41 STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES DEEMS NECESSARY.
- 42 27. PERIODICALLY REVIEW AND UPDATE STATEWIDE GOALS AND ACCOUNTABILITY
43 AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES FOR THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM IN THIS STATE.
- 44 28. PERIODICALLY REVIEW AND UPDATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY
45 THE STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

1 Sec. 4. State board for community colleges: initial report

2 A. On or before December 15, 20__, the state board for community
3 colleges shall submit a report to the legislature and the governor regarding:

4 1. Recommendations for reports, data collection and performance
5 measures for monitoring progress toward statewide goals and compliance with
6 the laws of this state and with the policies and procedures adopted by the
7 state board for community colleges.

8 2. The policies established under the laws of this state before the
9 effective date of this act that are delegated to the state board after the
10 effective date of this act.

11 B. The state board for community colleges shall provide copies of the
12 report prescribed in subsection A to the secretary of state and the director
13 of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

14 Sec. 5. Initial terms of members of the state board for
15 community colleges

16 A. Notwithstanding section 15-1421, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added
17 by this act, the initial terms of the members of the state board for
18 community colleges who are appointed pursuant to section 15-1421, subsection
19 A, paragraphs 1 and 2, are:

- 20 1. Three terms ending on the third Monday in January, 2013.
21 2. Three terms ending on the third Monday in January, 2015.
22 3. One term ending on the third Monday in January, 2017.

23 B. Notwithstanding section 15-1421, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added
24 by this act, the initial terms of the members of the state board for
25 community colleges who are appointed pursuant to section 15-1421, subsection
26 A, paragraphs 3 and 4, are:

- 27 1. One term ending on the third Monday in January, 2010.
28 2. One term ending on the third Monday in January, 2011.

29 C. The governor shall make all subsequent appointments as prescribed
30 by statute.

31 Sec. 6. Purpose

32 Pursuant to section 41-2955, subsection E, Arizona Revised Statutes,
33 the legislature establishes the state board for community colleges as the
34 entity for statewide issues pertaining to the community college system in
35 this state.