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# HOUSE BILL 2316

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 49-355, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO WATER QUALITY CONTROL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 49-355, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 49-355. Small water systems fund; definition

5 A. ~~A~~ THE small water systems fund is established in the department of  
6 environmental quality. On designation of the director of environmental  
7 quality, the fund may be administered by the water infrastructure finance  
8 authority of Arizona. The fund consists of monies appropriated by the  
9 legislature. Monies in the fund are exempt from lapsing under section  
10 35-190. Interest earned on monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

11 B. Monies from the small water systems fund shall be used to~~:-~~

12 ~~1. Develop public education and information programs for owners,~~  
13 ~~operators and customers of small water systems.~~

14 ~~2. Provide advice and assistance in managerial, accounting,~~  
15 ~~engineering and other technical areas for owners and operators of small water~~  
16 ~~systems.~~

17 ~~3. Integrate and coordinate information databases among the government~~  
18 ~~agencies involved in regulating small water systems.~~

19 ~~4. Develop other programs which would benefit the owners, operators~~  
20 ~~and customers of small water systems.~~

21 ~~5.~~ provide emergency grants to interim operators or interim managers  
22 of small water systems that are appointed by the Arizona corporation  
23 commission to repair OR REPLACE water infrastructure.

24 C. On recommendation of the Arizona corporation commission the water  
25 infrastructure finance authority of Arizona may approve a grant FROM THE FUND  
26 to an interim operator or an interim manager of a small water system pursuant  
27 to ~~subsection B, paragraph 5 of~~ this section only if the operator or manager  
28 demonstrates that it requires immediate financial assistance to REPLACE, make  
29 repairs to or to rehabilitate the public water system INFRASTRUCTURE that is  
30 operated by the interim operator or manager in order to correct or avoid an  
31 interruption in water service.

32 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SMALL WATER SYSTEM" MEANS A  
33 PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM THAT SERVES FIVE HUNDRED OR FEWER CONNECTIONS.