



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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**FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2515**

prisoner education services budget; uses

Purpose

Modifies which types of prisoner education programs may be funded through the dedicated prisoner education services budget.

Background

The Director of the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) is required to establish a dedicated prisoner education services budget for each prison. Current statute prohibits these funds from being used for programs dedicated to prisoners sentenced to death or housed in a special management unit (A.R.S. § 31-240). A special management unit (SMU) is a secure area, separate from the general inmate population, where prisoners who pose a threat to the safety, security or orderly operation of a correctional facility or to the public, are housed to provide greater management of their interactions with others.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Allows the Director of ADC to allocate funds from the dedicated prisoner education services budget to programs dedicated to prisoners housed in an SMU.
2. Prohibits the Director from spending funds from the dedicated prisoner education services budget on programs for prisoners sentenced to life imprisonment or classified as maximum custody, unless the program is for prisoners under 18 years of age or who have a disability and are under 22 years of age.
3. Makes technical and conforming changes.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

MAPS            2/18/16    DPA    8-0-0-1  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Read        3/01/16                    59-0-1-0

Senate Action

PSMT            3/09/16    DP    6-0-0  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Read        5/07/16                    28-0-2

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