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SENATE BILL 1208

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-1809; PROVIDING FOR THE DELAYED REPEAL OF SECTION 15-1809, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS ADDED BY THIS ACT; RELATING TO UNIVERSITIES AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 14, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 15-1809, to read:

4 15-1809. Tuition waiver for persons formerly in foster care;
5 pilot program; report; definition

6 A. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL DEVELOP A FIVE-YEAR PILOT
7 PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP AT ANY UNIVERSITY UNDER THE
8 JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS AND EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
9 DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP A FIVE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A TUITION WAIVER
10 SCHOLARSHIP AT ANY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THAT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO
11 ANY PERSON WHO MEETS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

12 1. RESIDES IN THIS STATE.

13 2. EITHER:

14 (a) IS CURRENTLY IN FOSTER CARE AND IS AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

15 (b) WAS IN FOSTER CARE WHEN THE PERSON WAS AT LEAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF
16 AGE.

17 (c) WAS ADOPTED FROM FOSTER CARE AND THE ADOPTION WAS FINALIZED AFTER
18 THE PERSON WAS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE.

19 3. IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN OR IS A NONCITIZEN WHO IS LAWFULLY
20 PRESENT IN THIS COUNTRY.

21 4. HAS TOTAL PERSONAL ASSETS, NOT INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS
22 RECEIVED BY THE PERSON, THAT ARE WORTH LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

23 5. IS UNDER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE WHEN THE FIRST TUITION WAIVER
24 SCHOLARSHIP IS AWARDED TO THAT PERSON PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. IF THE
25 PERSON HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY AWARDED A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP PURSUANT TO
26 THIS SECTION AND THE PERSON IS MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS TOWARD A
27 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE, AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR A CERTIFICATE AT THE TIME THE
28 PERSON REACHES TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE, THE PERSON MAY CONTINUE TO BE AWARDED
29 A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP UNTIL THE PERSON REACHES TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF
30 AGE.

31 6. IS ACCEPTED INTO OR ENROLLED IN A DEGREE, CERTIFICATE OR OTHER
32 ACCREDITED PROGRAM AT A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA
33 BOARD OF REGENTS OR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A COMMUNITY
34 COLLEGE DISTRICT. THE PERSON MUST DEMONSTRATE CONTINUOUS PROGRESS TOWARD A
35 DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE IN ORDER TO REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR A TUITION WAIVER
36 SCHOLARSHIP ISSUED.

37 7. HAS COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
38 EDUCATION A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID BEFORE EACH YEAR IN
39 WHICH THE PERSON RECEIVES A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP PURSUANT TO THIS
40 SECTION.

41 8. AFTER THE FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR IN WHICH THE PERSON RECEIVES A
42 TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, ANNUALLY COMPLETES AT
43 LEAST THIRTY HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE DURING THE PREVIOUS ACADEMIC YEAR.

44 9. REMAINS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY THE
45 UNIVERSITY OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT WHICH THE PERSON IS ENROLLED.

1 B. A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
2 SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY OTHER FEDERAL AID SCHOLARSHIPS OR
3 PUBLIC GRANTS AND ANY OTHER PUBLIC AID RECEIVED BY THAT PERSON FROM OR
4 THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT WHICH THE PERSON IS ENROLLED,
5 EXCEPT THAT A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP SHALL NOT BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT
6 OF FEDERAL GRANTS RECEIVED BY THE PERSON FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC
7 SECURITY UNDER THE ARIZONA EDUCATION AND TRAINING VOUCHER PROGRAM.

8 C. THE AUDITOR GENERAL SHALL REVIEW THE PILOT PROGRAMS AND ON OR
9 BEFORE JUNE 30, 2017 SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF
10 THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT EVALUATES THE
11 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PILOT PROGRAMS. THE AUDITOR GENERAL SHALL PROVIDE A
12 COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

13 D. IF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TERMINATED BEFORE A TUITION WAIVER
14 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT OBTAINS AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE, A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
15 OR A CERTIFICATE AND BEFORE THE RECIPIENT REACHES TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF AGE,
16 THAT PERSON SHALL CONTINUE TO BE AWARDED A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP UNTIL
17 THE PERSON REACHES TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF AGE OR OBTAINS A BACCALAUREATE
18 DEGREE, AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE OR A CERTIFICATE, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, IF
19 THE PERSON CONTINUES TO MEET THE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA PRESCRIBED BY THIS
20 SECTION.

21 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "TUITION" MEANS TUITION AND
22 MANDATORY FEES CHARGED BY THE UNIVERSITY OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

23 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

24 Section 15-1809, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, is
25 repealed from and after June 30, 2018.