REFERENCE TITLE: community college tuition financing districts

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HB 2414

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-784, 15-1401, 15-1402.01, 15-1409, 15-1468, 15-1472, 15-1481, 42-5029 AND 42-17056, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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. Section 15-784, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 3 read: 4 15-784. <u>Vocational education: acceptance of congressional acts:</u> 5 appropriation: distribution of federal monies The state assents to the provisions and accepts the benefits of the 6 Α. 7 vocational education act of 1917, as amended, and the Carl D. Perkins vocational education act of 1984, as amended by the Carl D. Perkins 8 9 vocational and applied technological education act amendments of 1990, as amended by the Carl D. Perkins vocational and applied technology act of 1998. 10 11 B. The state board of education is the state board of vocational 12 education for the purposes of the acts. The state treasurer is designated 13 custodian for vocational education for the purposes of the acts. The state 14 treasurer shall receive and provide for the custody and disbursement of all 15 monies paid to the state for the purposes of vocational education. 16 C. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state sufficient 17 monies to meet the requirements of the acts of Congress. 18 D. The state board of education may distribute the monies it receives 19 as provided in subsection A OF THIS SECTION to any eligible recipient of the 20 monies under the federal law. E. The state board of education shall distribute to the community 21 college districts in this state at least fifteen per cent PERCENT of the 22 23 monies received as provided in subsection A OF THIS SECTION. Provisional 24 Community college TUITION FINANCING districts are not eligible to receive 25 monies pursuant to this section. Sec. 2. Section 15-1401, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 26 27 15-1401. Definitions 28 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires: 29 1. "Accredited" means accredited by a regional accrediting agency 30 recognized by the United States department of education or by the council on 31 postsecondary accreditation. 32 2. "Additional short-term classes" means those classes that are not in 33 session on the forty-fifth day of the fall or spring semester, that commence 34 at various times during the fiscal year and that are offered over a period of 35 less than sixteen weeks. 36 3. "Budget year" means the fiscal year for which the community college 37 district is budgeting and that immediately follows the current year. 38 "Community college" means an educational institution that is 4. 39 operated by a district board and that provides a program not exceeding two 40 years' training in the arts, sciences and humanities beyond the twelfth grade 41 of the public or private high school course of study or vocational education, 42 including terminal courses of a technical and vocational nature and basic 43 adult education courses. 44 "COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION FINANCING DISTRICT" MEANS A DISTRICT 5. 45 THAT IS ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-1409.

1 5. 6. "Current year" means the fiscal year in which the community 2 college district is operating.

3 6. 7. "District" means a community college district that is 4 established pursuant to sections 15-1402 and 15-1403 or section 15-1402.01 5 and that is a political subdivision of this state and, unless otherwise 6 specified, includes provisional community college TUITION FINANCING districts 7 established pursuant to section 15-1409.

8 7. 8. "District board" means the community college district governing
9 board.

10 8. 9. "Full-time equivalent student" means student enrollment for 11 fifteen community college semester credit units per semester.

12 9. 10. "Open entry, open exit classes" means those classes in which 13 students enter or exit based on mastery of specified competencies and that 14 commence at various times during the fiscal year.

15 10. 11. "Operational expense budget" means the budget as adopted by 16 the district board pursuant to section 15-1461.

17 11. 12. "Operational expenses" means the administration, instruction, 18 operation of community college plant, maintenance of community college plant, 19 fixed charges and contingencies incurred in the operation of a district 20 exclusive of all capital outlay items, special levies, auxiliary enterprise 21 funds, restricted funds and bond service items.

22 12. "Provisional community college district" means a community college
 23 district organized pursuant to section 15-1409.

24 Sec. 3. Section 15-1402.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to 25 read:

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15-1402.01. <u>Alternative organization for community college</u> <u>districts</u>

A. A county that does not meet the requirements prescribed in section 15-1402 may organize a community college district under this chapter if all of the following requirements have been met:

A provisional community college district THAT BEGAN OPERATIONS
 BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015 has been in operation in that county for at least five
 years immediately before the formation of the proposed community college
 district pursuant to this section.

2. The most recent number of full-time equivalent student enrollment calculated pursuant to section 15-1466.01 for the provisional community college district is at least nine hundred.

38 3. The proposed community college district is actively seeking 39 accreditation from a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United 40 States department of education or by the council on postsecondary 41 accreditation.

42 4. A member of the public requests, or the governing board schedules, 43 public meetings to discuss and hear testimony on the conversion of the 44 provisional community college district to an independent community college 45 district. 5. At the next regularly scheduled meeting after the meeting prescribed in paragraph 4 of this section SUBSECTION, the governing board of the provisional COMMUNITY college district adopts a resolution to form a community college district pursuant to this section.

5 6. Notwithstanding section 42-17056, after the governing board of the 6 provisional community college district adopts a resolution pursuant to 7 paragraph 5 of this section SUBSECTION, the governing board may call an 8 election on a general election date of the board's choice to seek voter 9 approval to increase the primary property tax levy for the provisional 10 community college district. If a majority of the qualified electors voting:

11 (a) Approve the proposed levy amount, the levy applicable for the 12 district for the next tax year shall not exceed the approved amount and the 13 governing board shall not seek voter approval to increase the primary 14 property tax levy in any subsequent year.

15 (b) Disapprove the proposed levy amount, the district shall levy a 16 primary property tax based on the previously authorized levy.

17 7. The provisional community college district has maintained a 18 regional accreditation and oversight relationship with another community 19 college district until the conversion of the provisional community college 20 district to an independent community college district.

B. A community college district established pursuant to this section shall maintain a regional accreditation and oversight relationship with another community college district until the district has achieved initial candidacy status from a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States department of education or by the council on postsecondary accreditation.

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Sec. 4. Section 15-1409, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-1409. <u>Community college tuition financing districts:</u> <u>formation: powers and duties: issuance and sale of</u> <u>bonds for capital outlay</u>

A. A provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district shall contract with an existing community college district to provide instructional and student services within the provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district.

B. The minimum assessed valuation and population requirements
 prescribed in section 15-1402 do not apply to provisional community college
 TUITION FINANCING districts.

38 C. A provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district shall be 39 formed and a provisional community college district governing board shall be 40 elected in the same manner prescribed in sections 15-1403, AND 15-1404 and 41 15-1441, except that THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL SERVE AS THE 42 GOVERNING BOARD OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION FINANCING DISTRICT AND the 43 county board of supervisors by majority vote may adopt a resolution to submit 44 the question of the formation of a provisional community college TUITION 45 FINANCING district and the approval of a proposed tax rate to fund the provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district directly to the qualified electors of the county at a special or general election called for that purpose as prescribed in section 16-204 and title 35, chapter 3, article 3. The resolution adopted by the county board of supervisors shall include a statement that the primary property tax levy limit for the provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district shall be no less than the levy limit of the most recently formed community college district in this state.

B. Except as provided in this section, a provisional community college
 district governing board COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS has the same powers and
 duties specified in section 15-1444 for community college districts.

11 E. A provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district shall 12 not award degrees, certificates or diplomas.

F. A provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district is not eligible to receive equalization aid pursuant to section 15-1468 or state contribution for capital outlay for initial or additional campuses pursuant to section 15-1463.

17 G. The state aid eligibility requirements prescribed in section
 18 15-1466, subsection E, paragraphs 1 and 2 do not apply to provisional
 19 community college TUITION FINANCING districts.

20 Notwithstanding any other law, the same student shall not be Η. 21 counted twice as a full-time equivalent student in both a provisional 22 community college TUITION FINANCING district and a community college 23 district. Notwithstanding any other law, beginning with the fiscal year 24 after the year in which the provisional community college TUITION FINANCING 25 district is formed and has established its primary tax rate, a district that 26 provides services in a provisional COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION FINANCING 27 district pursuant to section 15-1470 shall no longer count these students in 28 the district's full-time equivalent student count.

I. If a provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district is converted into a community college district by the formation of a community college district pursuant to section 15-1402 or 15-1402.01, the provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district is dissolved and any equipment, property, personnel, liabilities and assets are transferred to the community college district.

35 J. If a provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district is 36 formed in a county that provides reimbursement for the attendance of 37 nonresident state students pursuant to section 15-1469, that county shall 38 continue to provide reimbursement payments to community college districts as 39 set forth in section 15-1469 until the fiscal year in which a qualifying levy 40 is adopted and budgeted in support of the provisional community college 41 TUITION FINANCING district by the governing board of the provisional 42 community college district COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. The total 43 reimbursement payments due to other community college districts in any fiscal 44 year pursuant to section 15-1469 shall be reduced by the amount of any 45 nonqualifying levy expended in the prior fiscal year. This reduction shall

1 be shared by each community college district that receives a reimbursement 2 payment from the county based on that community college district's 3 proportionate number of full-time equivalent students from the county where 4 the provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district is located. For 5 the purposes of this subsection:

"Nonqualifying levy" means a levy that is adopted to support the 6 1. 7 provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district and that is less 8 than the amount of a gualifying levy.

9 2. "Qualifying levy" means a levy that is at least equal to the sum of 10 the reimbursement payments and the amount of the community college services 11 provided in the fiscal year immediately before the year that a levy was first 12 adopted to support the operations of the provisional community college 13 TUITION FINANCING district.

14 K. The board of supervisors of a county that has formed a provisional 15 community college TUITION FINANCING district by majority vote may enter into 16 an intergovernmental agreement to loan monies to the governing board of the 17 provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district in an amount that 18 does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars. Any loan pursuant to this 19 subsection shall be repaid from the next scheduled collection of property 20 taxes to fund the provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district. 21 The annual interest charges on any loan pursuant to this subsection shall not 22 exceed five per cent PERCENT.

23 L. A provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district may 24 issue bonds for capital outlay purposes in the same manner prescribed in 25 section 15-1465 for community college districts. The governing board of the 26 provisional community college district COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS is solely 27 responsible for determining the encumbrance and approval of the expenditure 28 of the proceeds of the bonds issued pursuant to this subsection and shall not 29 delegate or transfer this authority to any other entity.

30 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A PROVISIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Μ. 31 DISTRICT THAT BEGAN OPERATIONS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015:

32 1. MAY CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS A PROVISIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE 33 DISTRICT. THE GOVERNING BOARD OF A PROVISIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT THAT BEGAN OPERATIONS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015 SHALL CONTINUE TO BE ELECTED IN 34 35 THE SAME MANNER PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-1441.

36 2. IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE MONIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-784 OR 37 SECTION 15-1472, SUBSECTION D, PARAGRAPH 2, SUBDIVISION (a).

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3. IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR EQUALIZATION AID PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-1468.

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IS NOT A BOARD AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1481. 4.

40 5. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, IS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR 41 PURPOSES OF SECTION 42-5029.

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IS NOT SUBJECT TO SECTION 42-17056. 6.

1 Sec. 5. Section 15-1468, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 2 15-1468. Equalization aid for community college districts 3 Subject to legislative appropriation, any district that is Α. organized pursuant to section 15-1402 AND that has less than the amount of 4 5 primary assessed valuation prescribed in section 15-1402 shall be paid by 6 this state an amount equal to the following: 7 1. The difference between the prior year's actual primary assessed 8 valuation of the district and the amount of primary assessed valuation 9 prescribed in section 15-1402. 2. The actual prior year's primary property tax rate for the district. 10 11 3. The difference determined in paragraph 1 multiplied by the lesser 12 of the tax rate determined in paragraph 2 or one dollar and thirty-seven 13 cents. 14 B. The equalization aid provided for in subsection A of this section 15 shall be used for the same purposes specified in section 15-1462 and shall be 16 apportioned to any qualifying district pursuant to section 15-1467. 17 C. This section does not apply to community college districts 18 organized pursuant to section 15-1402.01 or to provisional community college 19 TUITION FINANCING districts as prescribed in section 15-1409. 20 Sec. 6. Section 15-1472, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 21 15-1472. Community college district workforce development 22 accounts; reports 23 A. Each community college district shall establish a separate 24 workforce development account to receive only tax revenues authorized 25 pursuant to section 42-5029, subsection E, paragraph 3. Each community 26 college district board shall approve the expenditure of these monies in 27 accordance with section 15-1461 and consistent with subsection B of this 28 section. 29 B. Monies received pursuant to subsection A of this section shall be 30 expended for workforce development and job training purposes. These 31 expenditures may include: 32 1. Partnerships with businesses and educational institutions. 33 2. Additional faculty for improved and expanded classroom instruction 34 and course offerings. 35 3. Technology, equipment and technology infrastructure for advanced 36 teaching and learning in classrooms or laboratories. 37 4. Student services such as assessment, advisement and counseling for new and expanded job opportunities. 38 39 5. The purchase, lease or lease-purchase of real property, for new 40 construction, remodeling or repair of buildings or facilities on real 41 property. 42 C. The state treasurer shall transfer monies under this section into 43 each district's workforce development account by the fifteenth day of each 44 month. The state treasurer shall also allocate and distribute any pooled 45 interest earnings earned from revenues authorized in section 42-5029,

1 subsection E, paragraph 3 to each district in accordance with the method 2 prescribed in subsection D, paragraph 2 of this section.

D. Revenues authorized for community college districts in section 4 42-5029, subsection E, paragraph 3 shall be distributed by the state in the 5 following manner:

6 1. For thirteen fiscal years beginning in fiscal year 2001-2002 the 7 state treasurer shall allocate one million dollars per fiscal year for the 8 purpose of bringing this state into compliance with the matching capital 9 requirements prescribed in section 15-1463. The state treasurer shall 10 distribute the monies authorized in this subsection to each district in the 11 order in which each campus qualified for funding pursuant to section 15-1463.

12 2. After the monies have been paid each year to the eligible districts 13 pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection, the state treasurer shall 14 distribute monies from the workforce development fund to each community 15 college district in the following manner:

(a) Each district shall receive the sum of two hundred thousand
 dollars. This subdivision does not apply to a provisional community college
 TUITION FINANCING district established pursuant to section 15-1409.

(b) After each district has received the payments prescribed in subdivision (a) of this paragraph, the remainder of monies in the fund shall be distributed to each district according to each district's full-time equivalent student enrollment percentage of the total statewide audited full-time equivalent student enrollment in the preceding fiscal year prescribed in section 15-1466.01. The percentage distribution under this subdivision shall be adjusted annually on October 1 of each year.

E. Revenues received by community college districts shall not be used by the legislature to supplant or reduce any state aid authorized in this chapter or supplant any proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized in this article and article 5 of this chapter.

F. Monies received under this section shall not be considered to be local revenues for purposes of article IX, section 21, Constitution of Arizona.

33 Each community college district or community college that is owned, G. 34 operated or chartered by a qualifying Indian tribe on its own Indian 35 reservation shall submit a report once every two years of its workforce 36 development plan activities and the expenditures authorized in this section 37 to the governor, president of the senate, speaker of the house of 38 representatives, joint legislative budget committee and Arizona commerce 39 authority by December 1 of every even-numbered year. The report shall 40 include the purpose and goals for which the workforce development monies were 41 expended by each district or community college together with a general 42 accounting of the expenditures authorized in subsection B of this section. A 43 copy of the final report shall also be provided to the secretary of state. 44 For the purposes of this subsection, "qualifying Indian tribe" has the same 45 meaning prescribed in section 42-5031.01.

1 Sec. 7. Section 15-1481, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 2 15-1481. Definitions 3 In this article, unless the context otherwise requires: 4 1. "Acquire" includes purchase, erect, build, construct, reconstruct, 5 repair, replace, extend, better, furnish, equip, develop, improve and 6 embellish. 7 2. "Board" means the governing board of a community college district 8 or its successors, but does not include provisional community college TUITION 9 FINANCING districts as prescribed in section 15-1409. "Bonds" means any bonds issued pursuant to this article. 10 3. 11 "Federal agency" means the housing and home finance agency, the 4. 12 United States of America or any of its officers or agencies designated or 13 created to make grants or loans of monies for public construction work. 14 5. "Institution" means any community college district that is 15 organized in this state pursuant to section 15-1402 or 15-1402.01, but does not include provisional community college TUITION FINANCING districts as 16 17 prescribed in section 15-1409. 18 6. "Project" means one or more classrooms, student or faculty 19 residence halls, dormitories, dining halls, student union buildings, field 20 houses, stadia and other revenue producing buildings located at the 21 institution, together with sites for the buildings, and includes equipment, 22 furnishings, heating, lighting and other service facilities in connection 23 with the buildings. 24 Sec. 8. Section 42-5029, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 25 42-5029. Remission and distribution of monies: definition A. The department shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 26 27 35-147, all revenues collected under this article and articles 4, 5 and 8 of 28 this chapter pursuant to section 42-1116, separately accounting for: 29 Payments of estimated tax under section 42-5014, subsection D. 1. 30 Revenues collected pursuant to section 42-5070. 2. 31 Revenues collected under this article and article 5 of this chapter 3. 32 from and after June 30, 2000 from sources located on Indian reservations in 33 this state. 34 4. Revenues collected pursuant to section 42-5010, subsection G and 35 section 42-5155, subsection D. 36 B. The department shall credit payments of estimated tax to an 37 estimated tax clearing account and each month shall transfer all monies in 38 the estimated tax clearing account to a fund designated as the transaction 39 privilege and severance tax clearing account. The department shall credit 40 all other payments to the transaction privilege and severance tax clearing 41 account, separately accounting for the monies designated as distribution base 42 under sections 42-5010, 42-5164, 42-5205 and 42-5353. Each month the 43 department shall report to the state treasurer the amount of monies collected 44 pursuant to this article and articles 4, 5 and 8 of this chapter.

1 C. On notification by the department, the state treasurer shall 2 distribute the monies deposited in the transaction privilege and severance 3 tax clearing account in the manner prescribed by this section and by sections 4 42-5164, 42-5205 and 42-5353, after deducting warrants drawn against the 5 account pursuant to sections 42-1118 and 42-1254.

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D. Of the monies designated as distribution base the department shall:

7 1. Pay twenty-five per cent to the various incorporated municipalities 8 in this state in proportion to their population to be used by the 9 municipalities for any municipal purpose.

10 2. Pay 38.08 per cent to the counties in this state by averaging the 11 following proportions:

12 (a) The proportion that the population of each county bears to the 13 total state population.

14 (b) The proportion that the distribution base monies collected during 15 the calendar month in each county under this article, section 42-5164, 16 subsection B, section 42-5205, subsection B and section 42-5353 bear to the 17 total distribution base monies collected under this article, section 42-5164, subsection B, section 42-5205, subsection B and section 42-5353 throughout 18 19 the state for the calendar month.

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3. Pay an additional 2.43 per cent to the counties in this state as 21 follows:

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(a) Average the following proportions:

23 (i) The proportion that the assessed valuation used to determine 24 secondary property taxes of each county, after deducting that part of the 25 assessed valuation that is exempt from taxation at the beginning of the month for which the amount is to be paid, bears to the total assessed valuations 26 27 used to determine secondary property taxes of all the counties after 28 deducting that portion of the assessed valuations that is exempt from 29 taxation at the beginning of the month for which the amount is to be paid. 30 Property of a city or town that is not within or contiguous to the municipal 31 corporate boundaries and from which water is or may be withdrawn or diverted 32 and transported for use on other property is considered to be taxable 33 property in the county for purposes of determining assessed valuation in the 34 county under this item.

35 (ii) The proportion that the distribution base monies collected during 36 the calendar month in each county under this article, section 42-5164, 37 subsection B, section 42-5205, subsection B and section 42-5353 bear to the 38 total distribution base monies collected under this article, section 42-5164, 39 subsection B, section 42-5205, subsection B and section 42-5353 throughout 40 the state for the calendar month.

41 (b) If the proportion computed under subdivision (a) of this paragraph 42 for any county is greater than the proportion computed under paragraph 2 of 43 this subsection, the department shall compute the difference between the 44 amount distributed to that county under paragraph 2 of this subsection and 45 the amount that would have been distributed under paragraph 2 of this

subsection using the proportion computed under subdivision (a) of this paragraph and shall pay that difference to the county from the amount available for distribution under this paragraph. Any monies remaining after all payments under this subdivision shall be distributed among the counties according to the proportions computed under paragraph 2 of this subsection.

After any distributions required by sections 42-5030, 42-5030.01,
42-5031, 42-5032, 42-5032.01 and 42-5032.02, and after making any transfer to
the water quality assurance revolving fund as required by section 49-282,
subsection B, credit the remainder of the monies designated as distribution
base to the state general fund. From this amount the legislature shall
annually appropriate to:

12 (a) The department of revenue sufficient monies to administer and13 enforce this article and articles 5 and 8 of this chapter.

14 (b) The department of economic security monies to be used for the 15 purposes stated in title 46, chapter 1.

(c) The firearms safety and ranges fund established by section 17-273,
fifty thousand dollars derived from the taxes collected from the retail
classification pursuant to section 42-5061 for the current fiscal year.

19 E. If approved by the qualified electors voting at a statewide general 20 election, all monies collected pursuant to section 42-5010, subsection G and 21 section 42-5155, subsection D shall be distributed each fiscal year pursuant 22 to this subsection. The monies distributed pursuant to this subsection are 23 in addition to any other appropriation, transfer or other allocation of 24 public or private monies from any other source and shall not supplant, 25 replace or cause a reduction in other school district, charter school, 26 university or community college funding sources. The monies shall be 27 distributed as follows:

28 If there are outstanding state school facilities revenue bonds 1. 29 pursuant to title 15, chapter 16, article 7, each month one-twelfth of the 30 amount that is necessary to pay the fiscal year's debt service on outstanding 31 state school improvement revenue bonds for the current fiscal year shall be 32 transferred each month to the school improvement revenue bond debt service 33 fund established by section 15-2084. The total amount of bonds for which these monies may be allocated for the payment of debt service shall not 34 35 exceed a principal amount of eight hundred million dollars exclusive of 36 refunding bonds and other refinancing obligations.

2. After any transfer of monies pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection, twelve per cent of the remaining monies collected during the preceding month shall be transferred to the technology and research initiative fund established by section 15-1648 to be distributed among the universities for the purpose of investment in technology and research-based initiatives.

After the transfer of monies pursuant to paragraph 1 of this
subsection, three per cent of the remaining monies collected during the
preceding month shall be transferred to the workforce development account

established in each community college district pursuant to section 15-1472
 for the purpose of investment in workforce development programs.

3 4. After transferring monies pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this 4 subsection, one-twelfth of the amount a community college that is owned, 5 operated or chartered by a qualifying Indian tribe on its own Indian reservation would receive pursuant to section 15-1472, subsection D, 6 7 paragraph 2 if it were a community college district shall be distributed each 8 month to the treasurer or other designated depository of a qualifying Indian 9 tribe. Monies distributed pursuant to this paragraph are for the exclusive purpose of providing support to one or more community colleges owned, 10 11 operated or chartered by a qualifying Indian tribe and shall be used in a manner consistent with section 15-1472, subsection B. For the purposes of 12 13 this paragraph, "qualifying Indian tribe" has the same meaning as defined in 14 section 42-5031.01, subsection D.

5. After transferring monies pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subsection, one-twelfth of the following amounts shall be transferred each month to the department of education for the increased cost of basic state aid under section 15-971 due to added school days and associated teacher salary increases enacted in 2000:

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(a) In fiscal year 2001–2002, \$15,305,900.

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(b) In fiscal year 2002-2003, \$31,530,100.(c) In fiscal year 2003-2004, \$48,727,700.

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(d) In fiscal year 2004–2005, \$66,957,200.

24 (e) In fiscal year 2005–2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, 25 \$86,280,500.

6. After transferring monies pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subsection, seven million eight hundred thousand dollars is appropriated each fiscal year, to be paid in monthly installments, to the department of education to be used for school safety as provided in section 15-154 and two hundred thousand dollars is appropriated each fiscal year, to be paid in monthly installments to the department of education to be used for the character education matching grant program as provided in section 15-154.01.

7. After transferring monies pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subsection, no more than seven million dollars may be appropriated by the legislature each fiscal year to the department of education to be used for accountability purposes as described in section 15-241 and title 15, chapter 9, article 8.

8. After transferring monies pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subsection, one million five hundred thousand dollars is appropriated each fiscal year, to be paid in monthly installments, to the failing schools tutoring fund established by section 15-241.

9. After transferring monies pursuant to paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this
subsection, twenty-five million dollars shall be transferred each fiscal year
to the state general fund to reimburse the general fund for the cost of the
income tax credit allowed by section 43-1072.01.

1 10. After the payment of monies pursuant to paragraphs 1 through 9 of 2 this subsection, the remaining monies collected during the preceding month 3 shall be transferred to the classroom site fund established by section 4 15-977. The monies shall be allocated as follows in the manner prescribed by 5 section 15-977:

6 7 (a) Forty per cent shall be allocated for teacher compensation based on performance.

8 (b) Twenty per cent shall be allocated for increases in teacher base 9 compensation and employee related expenses.

10 (c) Forty per cent shall be allocated for maintenance and operation 11 purposes.

F. The department shall credit the remainder of the monies in the transaction privilege and severance tax clearing account to the state general fund, subject to any distribution required by section 42-5030.01.

15 G. Notwithstanding subsection D of this section, if a court of 16 competent jurisdiction finally determines that tax monies distributed under 17 this section were illegally collected under this article or articles 5 and 8 18 of this chapter and orders the monies to be refunded to the taxpayer, the 19 department shall compute the amount of such monies that was distributed to 20 each city, town and county under this section. Each city's, town's and 21 county's proportionate share of the costs shall be based on the amount of the 22 original tax payment each municipality and county received. Each month the 23 state treasurer shall reduce the amount otherwise distributable to the city, 24 town and county under this section by one thirty-sixth of the total amount to 25 be recovered from the city, town or county until the total amount has been 26 recovered, but the monthly reduction for any city, town or county shall not 27 exceed ten per cent of the full monthly distribution to that entity. The 28 reduction shall begin for the first calendar month after the final 29 disposition of the case and shall continue until the total amount, including 30 interest and costs, has been recovered.

31 On receiving a certificate of default from the greater Arizona Η. 32 development authority pursuant to section 41-2257 or 41-2258 and to the 33 extent not otherwise expressly prohibited by law, the state treasurer shall 34 withhold from the next succeeding distribution of monies pursuant to this 35 section due to the defaulting political subdivision the amount specified in 36 the certificate of default and immediately deposit the amount withheld in the 37 greater Arizona development authority revolving fund. The state treasurer 38 shall continue to withhold and deposit the monies until the greater Arizona 39 development authority certifies to the state treasurer that the default has 40 been cured. In no event may the state treasurer withhold any amount that the 41 defaulting political subdivision certifies to the state treasurer and the 42 authority as being necessary to make any required deposits then due for the 43 payment of principal and interest on bonds of the political subdivision that 44 were issued before the date of the loan repayment agreement or bonds and that 45 have been secured by a pledge of distributions made pursuant to this section.

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I. Except as provided by sections 42-5033 and 42-5033.01, the population of a county, city or town as determined by the most recent United States decennial census plus any revisions to the decennial census certified by the United States bureau of the census shall be used as the basis for apportioning monies pursuant to subsection D of this section.

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Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, on notice from the 6 J. 7 department of revenue pursuant to section 42-6010, subsection B, the state 8 treasurer shall withhold from the distribution of monies pursuant to this 9 section to the affected city or town the amount of the penalty for business 10 location municipal tax incentives provided by the city or town to a business 11 entity that locates a retail business facility in the city or town. The 12 state treasurer shall continue to withhold monies pursuant to this subsection 13 until the entire amount of the penalty has been withheld. The state 14 treasurer shall credit any monies withheld pursuant to this subsection to the 15 state general fund as provided by subsection D, paragraph 4 of this section. 16 The state treasurer shall not withhold any amount that the city or town 17 certifies to the department of revenue and the state treasurer as being 18 necessary to make any required deposits or payments for debt service on bonds 19 or other long-term obligations of the city or town that were issued or 20 incurred before the location incentives provided by the city or town.

21 K. On notice from the auditor general pursuant to section 9-626, 22 subsection D, the state treasurer shall withhold from the distribution of 23 monies pursuant to this section to the affected city the amount computed 24 pursuant to section 9-626, subsection D. The state treasurer shall continue 25 to withhold monies pursuant to this subsection until the entire amount 26 specified in the notice has been withheld. The state treasurer shall credit 27 any monies withheld pursuant to this subsection to the state general fund as 28 provided by subsection D, paragraph 4 of this section.

L. For the purposes of this section, "community college district" means a community college district that is established pursuant to sections 15-1402 and 15-1403 and that is a political subdivision of this state and, unless otherwise specified, includes a community college district established pursuant to section 15-1402.01 and a provisional community college TUITION FINANCING district established pursuant to section 15-1409.

Sec. 9. Section 42-17056, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

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42-17056. <u>Initial base levy limit if no primary property taxes</u> were levied in the preceding tax year

A. If a county, city, town or community college district did not levy primary property taxes in the preceding tax year, the governing body shall submit a proposed amount to be raised by primary property taxes for approval of the voters.

B. The election shall be held on the third Tuesday in May before the beginning of the fiscal year in as nearly as practicable the same manner as prescribed by title 35, chapter 3, article 3. The ballot shall state that if the amount is approved by the voters, it will be the base for determining levy limitations for the county, city, town or district for subsequent fiscal years.

C. If a majority of the qualified electors voting approve the proposed levy amount for primary property taxes, the levy applicable for the county, city, town or district for the next fiscal year shall be an amount not exceeding the approved amount.

D. On acceptance by the voters, the governing body shall send a copy
of the approved resolution to the property tax oversight commission.

10 E. If the proposed levy amount is not approved, the county, city, town 11 or community college district shall not levy a primary property tax for that 12 year.

F. This section does not apply to provisional community college TUITION FINANCING districts formed pursuant to section 15-1409, except that the property tax oversight commission shall set a property tax levy limit that is not less than the amount required pursuant to section 15-1409, subsection C.