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CHAPTER 284
SENATE BILL 1038

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE HIGH-QUALITY TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PILOT
PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING MONIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. High-quality teacher professional development
3 pilot program; annual report; program
4 termination; delayed repeal; definitions

5 A. The department of education shall establish a high-quality
6 teacher professional development pilot program and issue scholarships or
7 grants, or both, on a competitive basis as determined by the department,
8 to qualified applicants in order to obtain high-quality teacher
9 professional development from a qualifying postsecondary institution that
10 will support certificated teachers in gaining additional credentials and
11 certifications to teach in high-need content areas. Scholarships and
12 grants issued pursuant to this subsection may not exceed two thousand
13 dollars per qualified applicant. Any qualified applicant who receives a
14 scholarship or grant pursuant to this subsection shall agree to teach in a
15 public school in this state for at least three additional years after
16 completing the coursework or program at a qualifying postsecondary
17 institution. A qualified applicant who accepts a scholarship or grant
18 pursuant to this subsection and who does not teach in a public school in
19 this state for at least three additional years after completing the
20 coursework or program at a qualifying postsecondary institution shall be
21 required to pay back the full amount of the scholarship or grant in a
22 manner to be determined by the department.

23 B. On or before November 1 of each year of the pilot program, the
24 department of education shall submit to the governor, the president of the
25 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives a report that
26 summarizes the results of the pilot program. The department shall provide
27 a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

28 C. The pilot program established pursuant to this section ends on
29 July 1, 2020.

30 D. This section is repealed from and after July 1, 2022.

31 E. For the purposes of this section:

32 1. "High-need content area" means any math, science, technology,
33 engineering or career and technical education content.

34 2. "Qualified applicant" means a teacher who is certificated in
35 this state by the state board of education pursuant to section 15-203,
36 Arizona Revised Statutes, and who is currently teaching in a public school
37 in this state.

38 3. "Qualifying postsecondary institution" means a regionally or
39 nationally accredited public or private postsecondary educational
40 institution in this state.

1 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of education; high-quality
2 teacher professional development pilot program;
3 exemption

4 A. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
5 in fiscal year 2017-2018 to the department of education to provide
6 scholarships or grants, or both, to qualified applicants to complete
7 high-quality teacher professional development at a qualifying
8 postsecondary institution as prescribed in this act.

9 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
10 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
11 to lapsing of appropriations.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 8, 2017.

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