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HOUSE BILL 2184

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-707; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO SCHOOL CURRICULA.

(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 7, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-707, to read:

4 15-707. College and career readiness program for at-risk
5 youth; requirements; annual report; program
6 termination; definition

7 A. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES HIGH SCHOOL
8 INSTRUCTION MAY ESTABLISH A CAREER AND COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAM FOR
9 AT-RISK YOUTH. A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL MEET
10 THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

11 1. CONSIST OF AT LEAST NINE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT,
12 INCLUDING TUTORING AND REMEDIATION, TO ENSURE THAT PARTICIPATING YOUTHS
13 MEET THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

14 2. CONSIST OF COMPREHENSIVE INSTRUCTION ON WORKPLACE SKILLS AS
15 ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

16 3. CONSIST OF INSTRUCTION ON LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC DUTY.

17 4. REQUIRE YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM TO EARN CREDITS
18 TOWARD GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

19 5. REQUIRE YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM TO PERFORM
20 VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES OR COMMUNITY SERVICE.

21 6. REQUIRE YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM TO CONTINUE TO
22 PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM FOR TWELVE MONTHS AFTER GRADUATION FROM HIGH
23 SCHOOL, DURING WHICH TIME THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL
24 PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP ASSISTANCE THAT IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE YOUTH'S
25 TRANSITION TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL OR JOB TRAINING,
26 MILITARY SERVICE OR EMPLOYMENT. A PARTICIPATING SCHOOL DISTRICT OR
27 CHARTER SCHOOL MAY DEVELOP A DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE PROGRAM IN ORDER TO
28 MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

29 7. BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH A PRIVATE ENTITY SELECTED BY THE
30 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

31 B. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE
32 PROGRAM SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
33 OF EDUCATION:

34 1. THE PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND WHO
35 GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR OBTAIN A GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DEGREE ON OR
36 WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER THE SCHEDULED GRADUATION DATE FOR THAT YOUTH'S
37 CLASSMATES.

38 2. THE PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, WHO
39 GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR OBTAIN A GENERAL EQUIVALENCY DEGREE AND WHO
40 BEGIN PARTICIPATION IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, VOCATIONAL OR
41 JOB TRAINING OR MILITARY SERVICE WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER THE SCHEDULED
42 GRADUATION DATE FOR THAT YOUTH'S CLASSMATES.

1 3. THE PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND WHO
2 ARE EITHER ENROLLED FULL TIME AT A POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTION,
3 EMPLOYED FULL TIME, ENROLLED IN A FULL-TIME VOCATIONAL OR JOB TRAINING
4 PROGRAM OR ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OR ANY
5 COMBINATION OF THESE ACTIVITIES THAT IN TOTALITY AMOUNTS TO FULL-TIME
6 ACTIVITY, WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER THE SCHEDULED GRADUATION DATE FOR
7 THAT YOUTH'S CLASSMATES.

8 4. THE PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND WHO
9 PASS THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
10 PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-741.

11 C. ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF
13 THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT SUMMARIZES
14 THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION. THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
16 SECRETARY OF STATE.

17 D. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION ENDS ON JULY 1, 2027
18 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102.

19 E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "AT-RISK YOUTH" MEANS A PUPIL
20 IN GRADE ELEVEN OR TWELVE WHO EITHER:

- 21 1. IS LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL WITHOUT GRADUATING.
22 2. HAS DOCUMENTED ACADEMIC, PERSONAL OR VOCATIONAL BARRIERS TO
23 SUCCESS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND THE WORKPLACE.

24 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of education; college and
25 career readiness program for at-risk youth

26 The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in
27 fiscal year 2017-2018 to the department of education for distribution to
28 school districts and charter schools that participate in the college and
29 career readiness program for at-risk youth established pursuant to section
30 15-707, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

31 Sec. 3. Short title

32 This act may be cited as the "Jobs for Arizona's Graduates Act".