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HOUSE BILL 2112

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-779.03, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; APPROPRIATING
MONIES; RELATING TO GIFTED EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-779.03, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 15-779.03. Additional assistance for gifted programs

5 A. School districts that comply with section 15-779.01 and that
6 submit evidence that all district teachers who have primary responsibility
7 for teaching gifted pupils have obtained or are working toward obtaining
8 the appropriate certification endorsement as required by the state board
9 of education may apply to the department of education for additional
10 funding for gifted programs equal to seventy-five dollars per pupil for
11 four per cent of the district's student count, or two thousand dollars,
12 whichever is more. As an alternate to the individual district application
13 process, a governing board may request that a county school superintendent
14 apply on its behalf as part of an educational consortium. The consortium
15 may include school districts in more than one county. If additional
16 monies are available after funding all eligible school districts or
17 educational consortia, the additional monies shall be used to increase the
18 per pupil amount for each district or educational consortium funded. If
19 sufficient monies are not available to meet all requests, the state board
20 of education shall determine the allocation of monies based on the
21 comprehensiveness across grade levels, appropriateness to the population
22 being served, utility and demonstrated effectiveness of the scope and
23 sequence and the likelihood of the school district's or educational
24 consortium's proposed program successfully meeting the needs of the gifted
25 pupils. A school district shall include the monies it receives for gifted
26 programs and services under this section in the special projects section
27 of the budget.

28 B. School districts shall conduct evaluation studies of their
29 programs for the gifted and submit information to the department of
30 education regarding the results of their studies. The department shall
31 develop evaluation guidelines, reporting forms, procedures and timelines.

32 C. Monies distributed pursuant to this section shall supplement and
33 not supplant monies from other sources.

34 D. IN ADDITION TO OTHER MONIES APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE IN
35 FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019, \$2,900,000 SHALL BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL
36 FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR GIFTED
37 PROGRAMS IN FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 AND \$3,400,000 SHALL BE APPROPRIATED
38 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR ADDITIONAL
39 ASSISTANCE FOR GIFTED PROGRAMS EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER.

40 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of education; additional
41 assistance for gifted education programs;
42 assessment grants; exemption

43 A. In addition to other monies appropriated for this purpose in
44 fiscal year 2018-2019, the sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the state

1 general fund in fiscal year 2018-2019 to the department of education to be
2 used for additional assistance for gifted programs pursuant to section
3 15-779.03, Arizona Revised Statutes.

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