

REFERENCE TITLE: **classroom teacher supply assistance**

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## **HB 2373**

Introduced by  
Representatives Engel: Andrade, Bolding, Butler, Campbell, Clark,  
Clodfelter, Hernandez, Martinez, Payne

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-118; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO PUBLIC  
SCHOOLTEACHERS.

(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 1, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-118, to read:

4 15-118. Classroom teacher supply assistance accounts:  
5 definition

6 A. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL ESTABLISH A  
7 CLASSROOM TEACHER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT IN ITS MAINTENANCE AND  
8 OPERATION BUDGET. MONIES IN THE CLASSROOM TEACHER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE  
9 ACCOUNT SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
10 CLASSROOM SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS.

11 B. EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL DISTRIBUTE MONIES  
12 IN THE CLASSROOM TEACHER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS  
13 TO PURCHASE, ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL, CLASSROOM  
14 MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES TO BE USED IN THE INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS. MONIES  
15 DISTRIBUTED FROM THE CLASSROOM TEACHER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT:

16 1. MAY NOT BE USED TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT.

17 2. SHALL BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT THE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES OTHERWISE  
18 AVAILABLE TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS, INCLUDING MONIES DISTRIBUTED FROM THE  
19 ACCOUNT THAT IS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 15-354.

20 C. ON OR BEFORE JULY 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
21 SHALL DISTRIBUTE FROM THE MONIES APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE AN AMOUNT  
22 TO EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS BASED ON THE TOTAL  
23 NUMBER OF CLASSROOM TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER  
24 SCHOOL.

25 D. IN ADDITION TO MONIES APPROPRIATED TO AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE  
26 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THIS PURPOSE, A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER  
27 SCHOOL MAY ACCEPT AND DEPOSIT IN THE CLASSROOM TEACHER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE  
28 ACCOUNT MONIES RAISED BY OR DONATED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER  
29 SCHOOL FOR THE PURCHASE OF CLASSROOM SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS.

30 E. EACH YEAR, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL  
31 DISTRIBUTE AN EQUAL AMOUNT FROM THE CLASSROOM TEACHER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE  
32 ACCOUNT TO EACH CLASSROOM TEACHER WHO IS EXPECTED TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE  
33 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 1 OF THAT YEAR. THE SCHOOL  
34 DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MAY PROVIDE A CLASSROOM TEACHER WHO IS  
35 DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE ON JULY 1 WITH THAT TEACHER'S TOTAL  
36 PROPORTIONATE SHARE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 1 BASED ON THE ESTIMATE OF THE  
37 TOTAL NUMBER OF TEACHERS WHO WILL BE EMPLOYED ON SEPTEMBER 1. THE SCHOOL  
38 DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE A CLASSROOM TEACHER WHO IS  
39 DETERMINED TO BE ELIGIBLE AFTER JULY 1 WITH THAT TEACHER'S TOTAL  
40 PROPORTIONATE SHARE ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30. THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED  
41 FROM THE CLASSROOM TEACHER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT TO EACH PART-TIME  
42 CLASSROOM TEACHER SHALL BE PRORATED.

43 F. MONIES DISTRIBUTED TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS PURSUANT TO THIS  
44 SECTION MAY BE PROVIDED BY ANY MEANS DETERMINED APPROPRIATE BY THE SCHOOL  
45 DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD OR THE CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY, INCLUDING

1 DIRECT DEPOSIT, CHECK, DEBIT CARD OR PURCHASING CARD. IF A DEBIT CARD IS  
2 PROVIDED TO A TEACHER FOR THIS PURPOSE, AN IDENTIFIER MUST BE PLACED ON  
3 THE FRONT OF THE DEBIT CARD THAT CLEARLY INDICATES THE CARD HAS BEEN  
4 ISSUED TO ALLOW THAT TEACHER TO PURCHASE CLASSROOM SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS.

5 G. PURCHASES MADE WITH MONIES DISTRIBUTED FROM CLASSROOM TEACHER  
6 SUPPLY ASSISTANCE ACCOUNTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO COMPETITIVE BIDDING  
7 REQUIREMENTS.

8 H. MONIES RECEIVED BY A CLASSROOM TEACHER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
9 DO NOT AFFECT WAGES, HOURS OR TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND ARE  
10 NOT SUBJECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

11 I. ANY CLASSROOM TEACHER MAY DECLINE THE RECEIPT OF OR RETURN THE  
12 MONIES DISTRIBUTED UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT EXPLANATION OR CAUSE.

13 J. EACH CLASSROOM TEACHER WHO ACCEPTS MONIES DISTRIBUTED PURSUANT  
14 TO THIS SECTION SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

15 1. SIGN AND DATE AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE RECEIPT OF THE MONIES  
16 THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

17 I, \_\_\_\_\_, AM EMPLOYED BY THE ( \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL  
18 DISTRICT OR \_\_\_\_\_ CHARTER SCHOOL) AS A CLASSROOM TEACHER. I  
19 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THESE MONIES ARE APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE  
20 FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING CLASSROOM SUPPLIES AND  
21 MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE INSTRUCTION OF STUDENTS. IN  
22 ACCEPTING CUSTODY OF THESE MONIES, I AGREE TO KEEP THE RECEIPTS  
23 FOR ALL EXPENDITURES FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS. I UNDERSTAND THAT  
24 IF I DO NOT KEEP THE RECEIPTS, IT WILL BE MY PERSONAL  
25 RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY ANY STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES DUE ON THESE  
26 MONIES. I ALSO AGREE TO RETURN ANY UNSPENT MONIES TO THE (SCHOOL  
27 DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL) AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR  
28 FOR DEPOSIT IN ITS CLASSROOM TEACHER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.

29 2. MAINTAIN RECEIPTS FOR MONIES SPENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR  
30 AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

31 3. RETURN ANY UNSPENT MONIES TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER  
32 SCHOOL AT THE END OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR FOR DEPOSIT IN THE SCHOOL  
33 DISTRICT'S OR CHARTER SCHOOL'S CLASSROOM TEACHER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE  
34 ACCOUNT.

35 K. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER  
36 SCHOOLS MAY, AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO, ENTER INTO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS  
37 IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF MONIES AVAILABLE TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS  
38 IN THE CLASSROOM TEACHER SUPPLY ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT.

39 L. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "CLASSROOM TEACHER":

40 1. MEANS A CERTIFIED TEACHER WHO IS EMPLOYED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT  
41 OR CHARTER SCHOOL ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR AND WHO PROVIDES  
42 CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION TO STUDENTS.

43 2. INCLUDES FULL-TIME MEDIA SPECIALISTS AND CERTIFIED SCHOOL  
44 COUNSELORS.

