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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-249.06, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; APPROPRIATING
MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-249.06, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 to read:

4 15-249.06. College credit by examination, certification or
5 licensure incentive program; workforce Arizona
6 council; list; incentive bonuses; report;
7 review; certification or license incentive
8 program fund; program termination

9 A. The college credit by examination, CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE
10 incentive program is established within the department of education to
11 provide an incentive bonus to teachers, school districts and charter
12 schools for students who EITHER:

13 1. Obtain a passing score on a qualifying examination for college
14 credit while in high school.

15 2. OBTAIN A CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE THAT IS ACCEPTED BY A VOCATION
16 OR INDUSTRY THROUGH A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSE OR PROGRAM.

17 B. The Arizona board of regents shall maintain a list of qualifying
18 examinations that a high school student may take in order to receive
19 college credit in mathematics, English language arts or science from any
20 university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents and the
21 passing scores required on those examinations in order to receive college
22 credit. On or before September 1 of each year, the Arizona board of
23 regents shall provide the list of qualifying examinations and passing
24 scores to the department of education and shall submit this list to the
25 joint legislative budget committee for review.

26 C. THE WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL SHALL MAINTAIN A LIST OF
27 QUALIFYING CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES THAT ARE ACCEPTED BY A VOCATION OR
28 INDUSTRY THROUGH A CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSE OR PROGRAM. TO
29 QUALIFY FOR INCLUSION ON THE LIST, THE CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE MUST LEAD
30 TO AN OCCUPATION WITH WAGES OF AT LEAST SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE
31 ANNUAL WAGE IN THIS STATE UNLESS THE CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE IS A
32 STACKABLE CREDENTIAL AND IS REQUIRED FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF OCCUPATION,
33 WHICH DOES MEET THE WAGE CRITERION. THE CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE MUST
34 ALSO BE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

35 1. IN AN INDUSTRY THAT ADDRESSES A CRITICAL STATEWIDE, REGIONAL OR
36 LOCAL ECONOMIC NEED.

37 2. LINKED TO AN OCCUPATION THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE WORKFORCE
38 ARIZONA COUNCIL'S TARGETED OCCUPATION LIST.

39 3. LINKED TO AN OCCUPATION THAT IS IDENTIFIED AS EMERGING.

40 ~~C.~~ D. Beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018, the department of
41 education shall pay an incentive bonus to school districts and charter
42 schools for each student in grades nine through twelve who receives a
43 passing score during the previous fiscal year on a qualifying examination
44 identified by the Arizona board of regents pursuant to subsection B of
45 this section AND FOR EACH STUDENT WHO OBTAINS A QUALIFYING CERTIFICATION

1 OR LICENSE THAT IS IDENTIFIED BY THE WORKFORCE ARIZONA COUNCIL PURSUANT TO
2 SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION. A student who receives a passing score on a
3 qualifying examination OR A STUDENT WHO OBTAINS A QUALIFYING CERTIFICATION
4 OR LICENSE and who is enrolled in a school where fifty percent or more of
5 the students are eligible for free or reduced price lunches shall generate
6 for the school district or charter school a bonus of four hundred fifty
7 dollars per passing score on a qualifying examination AND PER ISSUANCE OF
8 A QUALIFYING CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE. A student who receives a passing
9 score on a qualifying examination OR A STUDENT WHO OBTAINS A QUALIFYING
10 CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE THAT IS IDENTIFIED BY THE WORKFORCE ARIZONA
11 COUNCIL PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION and who is enrolled in a
12 school where less than fifty percent of the students are eligible for free
13 or reduced price lunches shall generate for the school district or charter
14 school a bonus of three hundred dollars per passing score on a qualifying
15 examination AND PER ISSUANCE OF A QUALIFYING CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE. If
16 the statewide sum of per student bonuses awarded pursuant to this
17 subsection exceeds the amount of available monies appropriated for
18 incentive bonuses, the bonus monies shall be reduced proportionally to
19 cover all eligible bonus awards.

20 ~~D.~~ E. A school district or charter school that receives an
21 incentive bonus pursuant to this section shall distribute at least fifty
22 percent of the bonus monies to the associated classroom teacher for each
23 student who passes a qualifying examination OR WHO OBTAINS A QUALIFYING
24 CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE. Bonus monies awarded to a teacher pursuant to
25 this subsection shall be in addition to any regular wage, compensation or
26 other bonus the teacher receives or is scheduled to receive. The
27 remainder of any bonus monies received by a school district or charter
28 school shall be used for teacher professional development or student
29 instructional support or materials. Any bonus monies received by a school
30 district or charter school pursuant to this subsection shall be separately
31 accounted for in the school district's or charter school's annual
32 financial report.

33 ~~E.~~ F. Incentive bonuses distributed to and any bonus monies
34 received by a school district or charter school pursuant to this section
35 are not subject to collective bargaining.

36 ~~F.~~ G. On or before December 15, 2018 and on or before December 15
37 of each year thereafter, the department of education shall submit to the
38 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
39 governor and the secretary of state and to the joint legislative budget
40 committee for review a report on all of the following:

- 41 1. The number of students who took a qualifying examination at each
42 school.
- 43 2. The number of students who received a passing score on a
44 qualifying examination and the number of incentive bonus awards
45 distributed.

1 3. The number and types of qualifying examinations taken by
2 students.

3 4. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ENROLLED IN A CAREER AND TECHNICAL
4 EDUCATION COURSE OR PROGRAM THAT LEADS TO CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE THAT
5 IS ACCEPTED BY A VOCATION OR INDUSTRY.

6 5. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO OBTAINED A QUALIFYING CERTIFICATION
7 OR LICENSE AND THE NUMBER OF INCENTIVE BONUS AWARDS DISTRIBUTED.

8 6. THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF QUALIFYING CERTIFICATIONS OR LICENSES
9 OBTAINED BY STUDENTS.

10 ~~4.~~ 7. The amount of bonus monies received by each school.

11 ~~6.~~ H. Incentive bonuses distributed to and any bonus monies
12 received by a teacher are not compensation as defined in section 38-711.

13 I. ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE WORKFORCE ARIZONA
14 COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT THE LIST OF QUALIFYING CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES TO
15 THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW.

16 J. THE CERTIFICATION OR LICENSE INCENTIVE PROGRAM FUND IS
17 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE
18 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE
19 SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE
20 INCENTIVE BONUSES FROM THE FUND TO STUDENTS WHO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATION OR
21 LICENSE THAT IS ACCEPTED BY A VOCATION OR INDUSTRY PURSUANT TO THIS
22 SECTION.

23 ~~H.~~ K. The program established by this section ends on July 1, 2026
24 pursuant to section 41-3102.

25 Sec. 2. Appropriation; certification or license incentive
26 program fund

27 The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in
28 fiscal year 2018-2019 to the certification or license incentive program
29 fund established by section 15-249.06, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
30 amended by this act.