

REFERENCE TITLE: college credit by examination; payments

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Introduced by
Representative Weninger

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-249.06, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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 incentive program;
5 incentive bonuses; report; program termination

6 A. The college credit by examination incentive program is
7 established within the department of education to provide an incentive
8 bonus to teachers, school districts and charter schools for students who
9 obtain a passing score on a qualifying examination for college credit
10 while in high school.

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

20 C. Beginning in fiscal year 2017-2018, the department of education
21 shall pay an incentive bonus to school districts and charter schools for
22 each student in grades nine through twelve who receives a passing score
23 during the previous fiscal year on a qualifying examination identified by
24 the Arizona board of regents pursuant to subsection B of this section. A
25 student who receives a passing score on a qualifying examination and who
26 is enrolled in a school where fifty percent or more of the students are
27 eligible for free or ~~reduced-price~~ REDUCED-PRICE lunches shall generate
28 for the school ~~district~~ or charter school a bonus of ~~four hundred fifty~~
29 ~~dollars~~ \$450 per passing score on a qualifying examination. A student who
30 receives a passing score on a qualifying examination and who is enrolled
31 in a school where less than fifty percent of the students are eligible for
32 free or ~~reduced-price~~ REDUCED-PRICE lunches shall generate for the school
33 ~~district~~ or charter school a bonus of ~~three hundred dollars~~ \$300 per
34 passing score on a qualifying examination. If the statewide sum of per
35 student bonuses awarded pursuant to this subsection exceeds the amount of
36 available monies appropriated for incentive bonuses, the bonus monies
37 shall be reduced proportionally to cover all eligible bonus awards.

38 D. A school district or charter school that receives an incentive
39 bonus pursuant to this section shall distribute at least fifty percent of
40 the bonus monies to the associated classroom teacher for each student who
41 passes a qualifying examination **AND TO OTHER TEACHERS OF RELEVANT SUBJECTS**
42 **WHO INSTRUCTED THAT STUDENT AS IDENTIFIED BY THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.** Bonus
43 monies awarded to a teacher pursuant to this subsection ~~shall be~~ ARE in
44 addition to any regular wage, compensation or other bonus the teacher
45 receives or is scheduled to receive **AND SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE TEACHER**

1 BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR OR NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE END
2 OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. The remainder of any bonus monies received by a
3 school district or charter school shall be ALLOCATED BY THE SCHOOL
4 PRINCIPAL ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE A PASSING SCORE AND MAY BE
5 used for teacher professional development or student instructional
6 support, REIMBURSEMENT OF EXAMINATION FEES or INSTRUCTIONAL materials.
7 Any bonus monies received by a school district or charter school pursuant
8 to this subsection shall be separately accounted for in the school
9 district's or charter school's annual financial report.

10 E. Incentive bonuses distributed to and any bonus monies received
11 by a school district or charter school pursuant to this section are not
12 subject to collective bargaining.

13 F. PAYMENTS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO THIS
14 SECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS NOT LATER THAN MARCH 1 OF EACH
15 YEAR.

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

21 1. The number of students who took a qualifying examination at each
22 school.

23 2. The number of students who received a passing score on a
24 qualifying examination and the number of incentive bonus awards
25 distributed.

26 3. The number and types of qualifying examinations taken by
27 students.

28 4. The amount of bonus monies received by each school.

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

31 ~~H.~~ I. The program established by this section ends on July 1, 2026
32 pursuant to section 41-3102.