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# SENATE BILL 1051

AN ACT

AMENDING LAWS 2017, CHAPTER 284, SECTION 1; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE HIGH-QUALITY TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Laws 2017, chapter 284, section 1 is amended to read:

3 Section 1. High-quality teacher professional development  
4 pilot program; annual report; program  
5 termination; delayed repeal; definitions

6 A. The department of education shall establish a high-quality  
7 teacher professional development pilot program and issue scholarships or  
8 grants, or both, on a competitive basis as determined by the department,  
9 to qualified applicants in order to obtain high-quality teacher  
10 professional development from a qualifying postsecondary institution that  
11 will support certificated teachers in gaining additional credentials and  
12 certifications to teach in high-need content areas. Scholarships and  
13 grants issued pursuant to this subsection may not exceed ~~two thousand~~  
14 ~~dollars~~ \$2,000 per qualified applicant. Any qualified applicant who  
15 receives a scholarship or grant pursuant to this subsection shall agree to  
16 teach in a public school in this state for at least three additional years  
17 after completing the coursework or program at a qualifying postsecondary  
18 institution. A qualified applicant who accepts a scholarship or grant  
19 pursuant to this subsection and who does not teach in a public school in  
20 this state for at least three additional years after completing the  
21 coursework or program at a qualifying postsecondary institution shall be  
22 required to pay back the full amount of the scholarship or grant in a  
23 manner to be determined by the department. **THE DEPARTMENT MAY RETAIN UP**  
24 **TO THREE PERCENT OF THE MONIES APPROPRIATED FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM TO**  
25 **OFFSET ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**

26 B. On or before November 1 of each year of the pilot program, the  
27 department of education shall submit to the governor, the president of the  
28 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives a report that  
29 summarizes the results of the pilot program. The department shall provide  
30 a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

31 C. The pilot program established pursuant to this section ends on  
32 July 1, ~~2020~~ 2023.

33 D. This section is repealed from and after July 1, ~~2022~~ 2025.

34 E. For the purposes of this section:

35 1. "High-need content area" means any math, science, technology,  
36 engineering or career and technical education content.

37 2. "Qualified applicant" means a teacher who is certificated in  
38 this state by the state board of education pursuant to section 15-203,  
39 Arizona Revised Statutes, and who is currently teaching in a public school  
40 in this state.

41 3. "Qualifying postsecondary institution" means a regionally or  
42 nationally accredited public or private postsecondary educational  
43 institution in this state.

1           Sec. 2. Appropriations; department of education; high-quality  
2                           teacher professional development pilot program;  
3                           exemption

4           A. The sum of \$200,000 is appropriated from the state general fund  
5 in each of fiscal years 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 to the  
6 department of education to provide scholarships or grants, or both, to  
7 qualified applicants to complete high-quality teacher professional  
8 development at a qualifying postsecondary institution as prescribed by  
9 Laws 2017, chapter 284, section 1, as amended by this act.

10          B. The appropriations made in subsection A of this section are  
11 exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
12 relating to lapsing of appropriations.