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AN ACT

**AMENDING SECTION 15-1655, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL
EMPLOYEE TRAINING.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Heading change

3 The article heading of title 15, chapter 13, article 3, Arizona
4 Revised Statutes, is changed from "TEACHER TRAINING" to "SCHOOL EMPLOYEE
5 TRAINING".

6 Sec. 2. Section 15-1655, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
7 read:

8 15-1655. Arizona teachers, school social workers and school
9 counselors academy; tuition and fees scholarships;
10 fund; annual report; definitions

11 A. Eligible postsecondary institutions shall implement an Arizona
12 teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy to
13 incentivize students to enter the teaching, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK OR SCHOOL
14 COUNSELING profession and to commit to teach, TO WORK AS A SCHOOL SOCIAL
15 WORKER OR TO COUNSEL in Arizona public schools. The Arizona board of
16 regents, in consultation with eligible postsecondary institutions, shall
17 develop and implement centralized administrative processes for the
18 academy, including:

- 19 1. A marketing and promotion plan to recruit students for the
20 academy.
- 21 2. Data collection and reporting.
- 22 3. Tracking postgraduation service requirements.
- 23 4. Coordinating induction services.
- 24 5. Distributing monies in the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL
25 WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy fund between eligible postsecondary
26 institutions.
- 27 6. Collecting reimbursement from individuals who fail to meet
28 service obligations.

29 B. The Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
30 COUNSELORS academy may include new or existing teacher, SCHOOL SOCIAL
31 WORKER AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR preparation program pathways that are
32 student-focused and that employ proven, research-based models of best
33 practices already being implemented. Each eligible postsecondary
34 institution may develop a portfolio of teacher, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER AND
35 SCHOOL COUNSELOR preparation programs to offer as part of the academy.
36 THE ACADEMY SHALL INCLUDE ALL GRADUATE PROGRAMS THAT SATISFY THE
37 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE STANDARD SCHOOL COUNSELING CERTIFICATE AND
38 ALL UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN SOCIAL WORK. Programs offered
39 as part of the academy shall include accelerated models for:

- 40 1. High-demand teacher specializations, including special
41 education, science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- 42 2. Critical need areas, including low-income public schools, public
43 schools located on Indian reservations and rural public schools.
- 44 3. Individuals seeking postbaccalaureate coursework that results in
45 professional certification.

1 C. Each eligible postsecondary institution shall develop formalized
2 partnerships with public schools in this state to build commitments for
3 teacher, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR employment on
4 completion of the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
5 COUNSELORS academy. The targeted deployment of teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL
6 WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS who have completed the academy shall be
7 based on the needs of each school system and the community that is being
8 served as well as the individual skills of each teacher, SCHOOL SOCIAL
9 WORKER OR SCHOOL COUNSELOR.

10 D. Each eligible postsecondary institution shall provide to each
11 full-time student who is enrolled in the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL
12 WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy an annual scholarship of \$10,000 per
13 year for a maximum of two academic years or four semesters for graduate
14 university students, \$5,000 per year for a maximum of four academic years
15 or eight semesters for undergraduate university students, \$3,000 per year
16 for a maximum of two academic years or four semesters for community
17 college students for tuition and fees associated with the student's
18 program of study and \$2,500 onetime for teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS OR
19 SCHOOL COUNSELORS seeking national board certification, after all other
20 financial gifts, aid or grants received by that student, ~~or~~ teacher,
21 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OR SCHOOL COUNSELOR. Scholarships under this
22 subsection are subject to all of the following:

23 1. If the student does not successfully complete the academic year
24 in good academic standing, the student shall reimburse the Arizona board
25 of regents for the total amount of the scholarship for tuition and fees
26 the student received for that year.

27 2. For each academic year that the student successfully completes
28 and for which the student receives a scholarship for all tuition and fees,
29 the student must agree to teach, WORK AS A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OR COUNSEL
30 for one full school year in a public school in this state. For students
31 WHO ARE teaching, WORKING AS A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OR COUNSELING and
32 receiving the scholarship concurrently, the commitment period begins after
33 graduation from the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
34 COUNSELORS academy. For teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS OR SCHOOL
35 COUNSELORS seeking a national board certification, the teaching, SCHOOL
36 SOCIAL WORK OR COUNSELING commitment is one additional year after
37 completing the requirements of the national board certification program.

38 3. If the scholarship does not cover remaining tuition and fee
39 costs after other aid received, the eligible postsecondary institution may
40 not charge students the remaining difference. If the scholarship amount
41 exceeds tuition and fee costs at an eligible postsecondary institution,
42 the institution may use the remaining amount to support Arizona teachers,
43 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy costs.

44 4. If the student does not fulfill the student's obligation to
45 teach, WORK AS A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OR COUNSEL in a public school, the

1 student must reimburse the Arizona board of regents for the proportional
2 amount of the scholarship for tuition and fees that the student received
3 that corresponds to the number of school years the student agreed to
4 teach, WORK AS A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OR COUNSEL but did not teach, WORK
5 AS A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OR COUNSEL in a public school in this state.

6 5. If the student is physically or mentally unable to fulfill the
7 requirements of the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
8 COUNSELORS academy, the Arizona board of regents shall establish a process
9 for assessing the student's ability to repay the financial assistance
10 received and shall ~~make a determination on~~ DETERMINE any terms of
11 repayment.

12 6. The Arizona board of regents shall establish a process for
13 deferring service or repayment based on factors adopted by the board.

14 E. Students enrolled in a noneducation program in the Arizona
15 teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy must
16 complete one or more teacher preparation courses to ensure the likelihood
17 that the student will transition into a postbaccalaureate program to
18 receive a teaching certification following graduation. THIS SUBSECTION
19 DOES NOT APPLY TO STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THE ACADEMY FOR THE PURPOSE
20 OF BECOMING SCHOOL COUNSELORS OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS.

21 F. The Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
22 COUNSELORS academy fund is established consisting of legislative
23 appropriations made for the purpose of administering the Arizona teachers,
24 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy. Monies in the fund
25 are continuously appropriated and are exempt from the provisions of
26 section 35-190 relating to the lapsing of appropriations. The Arizona
27 board of regents shall administer the fund and shall establish criteria
28 for distributing monies in the fund to eligible postsecondary institutions
29 each fiscal year to fund the costs of the academy. Monies in the fund may
30 be used only for:

31 1. Reimbursing Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
32 COUNSELORS academy scholarships that cover the balance of tuition and fees
33 for undergraduate, graduate and postbaccalaureate students enrolled in the
34 Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy
35 after all other gifts and aid received.

36 2. Support for teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
37 COUNSELORS who are currently employed in a public school in this state and
38 who are seeking a national board certification.

39 3. Induction services for Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS
40 AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy graduates.

41 4. Implementing a marketing and promotion plan to recruit and
42 retain students in the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
43 COUNSELORS academy and administering the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL
44 WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy. Annual expenditures for marketing,
45 promoting and ~~administrating~~ ADMINISTERING the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL

1 SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy may not exceed three percent
2 of the monies in the fund each fiscal year.

3 G. Monies remaining in the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS
4 AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy fund at the end of each fiscal year may be
5 used by eligible postsecondary institutions for Arizona teachers, SCHOOL
6 SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy costs in the next fiscal
7 year.

8 H. On or before August 1 of each fiscal year, the state general
9 fund appropriation for the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND
10 SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy for the current fiscal year shall be reduced by
11 the amount of monies remaining in the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL
12 WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy fund at the end of the prior fiscal
13 year.

14 I. On or before March 1, 2020 and each year thereafter, the Arizona
15 board of regents shall report to the joint legislative budget committee
16 and the governor's office of strategic planning and budgeting on all of
17 the following:

18 1. The total number of students enrolled in the Arizona teachers,
19 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy by eligible
20 postsecondary institution in the current academic year.

21 2. The number of Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
22 COUNSELORS academy graduates receiving induction services in the current
23 academic year.

24 3. The estimated amount of monies committed from the Arizona
25 teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy fund in the
26 current fiscal year.

27 J. On or before September 1, ~~2019~~ and each year ~~thereafter~~, the
28 Arizona board of regents shall report to the governor, the president of
29 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, and shall
30 submit a copy to the secretary of state, on all of the following:

31 1. The total number of students enrolled in the Arizona teachers,
32 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy at each eligible
33 postsecondary institution by year of college enrollment and the number of
34 teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS receiving a
35 scholarship through the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
36 COUNSELORS academy for national board certification.

37 2. The percentage of students who completed each year of the
38 academy and who plan to continue to the subsequent year, delineated by
39 each teacher, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER AND SCHOOL COUNSELOR preparation
40 program offered by each eligible postsecondary institution as part of the
41 Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy.

42 3. The number of teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
43 COUNSELORS who completed a program of study through the Arizona teachers,
44 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy by each eligible
45 postsecondary institution.

- 1 4. The number of teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL
2 COUNSELORS currently teaching, WORKING AS A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OR
3 COUNSELING in a public school in this state as part of an agreement for
4 receiving an Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS
5 academy scholarship.
- 6 5. The number of graduates receiving induction services.
- 7 6. The number of students who have defaulted on their obligation
8 and who are in repayment agreements.
- 9 7. The number of students who have deferred repayment agreements.
- 10 8. The number of students who have completed repayment agreements.
- 11 9. The methodology for distributing any monies appropriated for the
12 Arizona teachers, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy to
13 each eligible postsecondary institution and the amounts distributed to
14 each.
- 15 10. The amount of unused monies in the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL
16 SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy fund from the prior fiscal
17 year.
- 18 K. For the purposes of this section:
- 19 1. "Eligible postsecondary institutions" means universities under
20 the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of regents and community colleges in
21 this state that offer postbaccalaureate programs that lead to teacher,
22 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OR SCHOOL COUNSELOR certification and that have
23 entered into an agreement with the Arizona board of regents relative to
24 these postbaccalaureate programs.
- 25 2. "Tuition and fees" means tuition, mandatory fees and program
26 fees that are associated with a program in the Arizona teachers, SCHOOL
27 SOCIAL WORKERS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS academy leading to teacher, SCHOOL
28 SOCIAL WORKER OR SCHOOL COUNSELOR certification and that are charged by an
29 eligible postsecondary institution.