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## **SB 1284**

Introduced by  
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Dalessandro, Gonzales, Mendez, Mesnard, Navarrete, Pace, Peshlakai,  
Steele; Representatives Jermaine, Pawlik

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-1454; REPEALING SECTION 15-1454, ARIZONA REVISED  
STATUTES; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARDS.

(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 12, article 3, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-1454, to read:

4 15-1454. Arizona works community college grants:  
5 requirements; fund; reports

6 A. BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2020, EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
7 GOVERNING BOARD SHALL ADMINISTER ARIZONA WORKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANTS  
8 FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
9 AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THAT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT. THE GRANTS  
10 SHALL BE USED TO PAY FOR TUITION AND FEES AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE. THE  
11 GRANTS SHALL BE FUNDED WITH MONIES DISTRIBUTED FROM THE ARIZONA WORKS  
12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT FUND ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION. IF ANY FISCAL  
13 YEAR MONIES IN THE ARIZONA WORKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT FUND ARE  
14 INSUFFICIENT TO PAY TUITION AND FEES FOR EACH ELIGIBLE STUDENT, THE MONIES  
15 DISTRIBUTED FROM THE FUND IN THAT FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE PRORATED. THE  
16 AMOUNT OF AN ARIZONA WORKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT MAY NOT EXCEED THE COST  
17 OF TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ATTENDANCE MINUS  
18 ALL OTHER FINANCIAL AID, WHICH SHALL BE CREDITED FIRST TO THE STUDENT'S  
19 TUITION AND MANDATORY FEES, INCLUDING FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED FROM A  
20 FEDERAL PELL GRANT.

21 B. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN ARIZONA WORKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT, A  
22 STUDENT MUST MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

- 23 1. BE A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.
- 24 2. COMPLETE A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID.
- 25 3. ENROLL AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THIS STATE IN A CAREER AND  
26 TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM OR A PROGRAM THAT LEADS TO CERTIFICATION BY AN  
27 INDUSTRY OR VOCATION.
- 28 4. BE EITHER:  
29 (a) A DEPENDENT STUDENT WHO REPORTS ON A FREE APPLICATION FOR  
30 FEDERAL STUDENT AID A PARENTAL FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF \$60,000 OR  
31 LESS.

32 (b) AN INDEPENDENT STUDENT WHO REPORTS ON A FREE APPLICATION FOR  
33 FEDERAL STUDENT AID A FAMILY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME OF \$60,000 OR LESS.

- 34 5. HAVE A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 2.5 ON A 4.0 SCALE.

35 C. AFTER THE FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR IN WHICH A STUDENT RECEIVES AN  
36 ARIZONA WORKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE  
37 STUDENT MAY REAPPLY AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GRANT IF THE STUDENT COMPLETES  
38 AT LEAST THIRTY HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE DURING THE PREVIOUS ACADEMIC  
39 YEAR. A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
40 FOR ONLY TWO CONSECUTIVE ACADEMIC YEARS. A STUDENT MUST MAINTAIN A GRADE  
41 POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 2.5 ON A 4.0 SCALE IN ORDER TO RENEW AN ARIZONA  
42 WORKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT.

1 D. THE ARIZONA WORKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT FUND IS ESTABLISHED  
2 CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL  
3 ADMINISTER THE ARIZONA WORKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT FUND. MONIES IN THE  
4 ARIZONA WORKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT FUND ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE  
5 APPROPRIATION. THE STATE TREASURER SHALL DISTRIBUTE MONIES FROM THE  
6 ARIZONA WORKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT FUND TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THIS  
7 STATE.

8 E. COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN THIS STATE SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT A SUMMARY  
9 OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,  
10 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE AUDITOR GENERAL:

11 1. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO APPLY FOR GRANTS PURSUANT TO THIS  
12 SECTION AND THE NUMBER OF GRANTS ISSUED.

13 2. THE AVERAGE GRANT AMOUNT.

14 3. THE ACADEMIC COMPLETION RATE OF STUDENTS WHO ARE ISSUED GRANTS  
15 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

16 F. THE AUDITOR GENERAL SHALL ANNUALLY REVIEW THE GRANTS ISSUED  
17 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 2026, SUBMIT A  
18 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE  
19 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT EVALUATES THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GRANTS.  
20 THE AUDITOR GENERAL SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY  
21 OF STATE.

22 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

23 Section 15-1454, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, is  
24 repealed from and after June 30, 2027.

25 Sec. 3. Appropriations; Arizona works community college grant  
26 fund; fiscal years 2020-2021 through 2023-2024

27 A. The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the state general  
28 fund in each of fiscal years 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024  
29 for deposit in the Arizona works community college grant fund established  
30 by section 15-1454, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

31 B. The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the Arizona works  
32 community college grant fund established by section 15-1454, Arizona  
33 Revised Statutes, as added by this act, in each of fiscal years 2020-2021,  
34 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 for the purposes of this act.

35 Sec. 4. Retroactivity

36 This act applies retroactively to from and after July 31, 2020.