

REFERENCE TITLE: **promise scholarship program; ADOA; appropriation**

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SB 1661

Introduced by
Senator Boyer: Representative Lieberman

AN ACT

**AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-710.02; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF ADMINISTRATION.**

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-710.02, to read:

4 41-710.02. Arizona promise scholarship program; commission;
5 fund; eligibility; program termination;
6 commission termination

7 A. THE ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED. THE
8 DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM AND THE ARIZONA PROMISE
9 SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION SHALL
10 OVERSEE THE PROGRAM.

11 B. THE ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION IS ESTABLISHED
12 CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

13 1. ONE PRESIDENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN A COUNTY WITH A
14 POPULATION OF MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS WHO IS APPOINTED BY
15 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

16 2. ONE PRESIDENT OF A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN A COUNTY WITH A
17 POPULATION OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND OR FEWER PERSONS WHO IS APPOINTED BY
18 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

19 3. ONE MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS IN
20 HIGHER EDUCATION AND WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

21 4. ONE MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID,
22 WHO RESIDES IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED
23 THOUSAND PERSONS AND WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

24 5. ONE MEMBER WHO HAS EXPERTISE IN HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID,
25 WHO RESIDES IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND OR FEWER
26 PERSONS AND WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

27 C. THE ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION SHALL CONTRACT WITH A
28 VENDOR THAT IS SELECTED THROUGH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE STUDENT
29 SUPPORT TO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS UNDER THIS SECTION.

30 D. THE ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING
31 OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMINISTERING THE
32 ARIZONA PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY
33 APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING
34 TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND
35 AND SHALL ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR DISTRIBUTING MONIES IN THE FUND TO
36 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.

37 E. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD TO EACH ELIGIBLE STUDENT APPLICANT A
38 \$4,000 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWO YEARS.

39 F. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS SECTION, A STUDENT
40 MUST DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

41 1. BE ENROLLED IN A COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION
42 15-1401.

43 2. SUBMIT PROOF THAT THE STUDENT GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITH A
44 MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.0 ON A 4.0 SCALE.

1 3. SUBMIT PROOF THAT THE STUDENT HAS DEPOSITED AT LEAST \$500 INTO
2 AN ACCOUNT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1871.
3 G. A STUDENT MAY REAPPLY TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS
4 SECTION FOR A SECOND YEAR IF THE STUDENT MEETS BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING
5 REQUIREMENTS:
6 1. SUBMITS PROOF THAT THE STUDENT DEPOSITED AN ADDITIONAL \$500 OR
7 MORE INTO AN ACCOUNT AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1871.
8 2. REMAINS IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AS
9 DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1401 IN WHICH THE STUDENT IS ENROLLED.
10 H. AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT MAY APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS
11 SECTION BY APPLYING TO THE DEPARTMENT IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE
12 DEPARTMENT.
13 I. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ENDS ON JULY 1,
14 2030 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102, AND THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHED PURSUANT
15 TO THIS SECTION ENDS ON JULY 1, 2028 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3103.
16 Sec. 2. Appropriation; Arizona promise scholarship fund
17 The sum of \$96,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
18 in fiscal year 2020-2021 to the Arizona promise scholarship fund
19 established by section 41-710.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by
20 this act.