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HOUSE BILL 2639

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-1647; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

Section 1. Title 15, chapter 13, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-1647, to read:

15-1647. John McCain public service scholarship fund

A. THE JOHN MCCAIN PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND ANY OTHER MONIES. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS.

B. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL:

1. USE THE MONIES IN THE FUND TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS WHO MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

(a) COMPLETE A TERM OF SERVICE IN A NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM THAT IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE LIVES AND FOSTER CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND THAT IS SUPPORTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

(b) SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVE A FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD.

(c) USE THE FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD TO ATTEND AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OR PROGRAM IN THIS STATE THAT IS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD.

2. ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS THAT REQUIRES EACH APPLICANT TO SUBMIT PROOF OF MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

3. ADOPT POLICIES TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR WITH PRIORITY GIVEN TO APPLICANTS BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED, INCLUDING REQUIRING ALL APPLICANTS TO COMPLETE A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID.

4. ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

C. EACH RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP SHALL BE IN AN AMOUNT THAT IS EQUAL TO THE RECIPIENT'S FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD. A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

1. SHALL DEMONSTRATE TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS THAT THE RECIPIENT IS IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING WITH THE RECIPIENT'S EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OR PROGRAM BEFORE SPENDING ANY SCHOLARSHIP MONIES.

2. SHALL USE THE SCHOLARSHIP MONIES WITHIN THREE YEARS AFTER COMPLETING SERVICE IN A NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM THAT IS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 1, SUBDIVISION (a) OF THIS SECTION. AFTER THREE YEARS, UNUSED SCHOLARSHIP MONIES REVERT TO THE JOHN MCCAIN PUBLIC SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

3. MAY USE THE SCHOLARSHIP MONIES ONLY FOR PURPOSES THAT ARE ALLOWED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD AND ONLY AT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OR PROGRAMS IN THIS STATE THAT ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD.

4. MAY NOT SPEND THE SCHOLARSHIP MONIES UNTIL THE RECIPIENT HAS SPENT ALL OF THE RECIPIENT'S FEDERAL POSTSERVICE EDUCATION AWARD MONIES.

Sec. 2. Appropriation; John McCain public service scholarship fund

The sum of $5,000,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2020-2021 to the John McCain public service scholarship fund established by section 15-1647, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.