

REFERENCE TITLE: advanced placement courses; exams; appropriations

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Introduced by
Senator Shope

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-245; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION.

(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 2, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-245, to read:

4 15-245. Advanced placement course access, participation and
5 success program; advanced placement exam fee waiver
6 program; funds; report; program termination;
7 definition

8 A. THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE ACCESS, PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS
9 PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXPAND AND
10 ENHANCE ACCESS TO, PARTICIPATION IN AND STUDENT SUCCESS IN ADVANCED
11 PLACEMENT COURSES AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
12 ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM WITH THE FOLLOWING GOALS:

13 1. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS OFFERING ADVANCED PLACEMENT
14 COURSES.

15 2. INCREASING STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS IN ADVANCED
16 PLACEMENT COURSES AND EXAMS.

17 3. ELIMINATING OR REDUCING ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEE COSTS FOR
18 LOW-INCOME STUDENTS.

19 B. THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE ACCESS, PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS
20 PROGRAM FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE
21 DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY
22 APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING
23 TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE MONIES FROM THE
24 FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE ACCESS,
25 PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS PROGRAM. MONIES ALLOCATED FROM THE FUND MUST BE
26 USED TO ASSIST SCHOOLS IN DEVELOPING AND SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
27 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AND COURSES THAT PREPARE STUDENTS FOR ADVANCED
28 PLACEMENT COURSES, INCLUDING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PROFESSIONAL LEARNING, AND
29 PURCHASING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS. MONIES PROVIDED FROM THE FUND SHALL
30 SUPPLEMENT, AND NOT SUPPLANT, OTHER NONFEDERAL MONIES THAT ARE AVAILABLE
31 TO ASSIST SCHOOLS IN EXPANDING ACCESS TO ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AND
32 SUPPORT PROGRAMS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE MONIES
33 IN THE FUND TO ADMINISTER THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE ACCESS,
34 PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS PROGRAM.

35 C. IN SELECTING SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT
36 COURSE ACCESS, PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS PROGRAM:

37 1. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE TO A SCHOOL TO WHICH BOTH
38 OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

39 (a) THE SCHOOL OFFERS TWO OR FEWER ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES THAT
40 ARE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL BY A LOCAL CERTIFICATED TEACHER.

41 (b) AT LEAST FORTY PERCENT OF THE SCHOOL'S STUDENTS HAVE A FAMILY
42 INCOME THAT DOES NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL
43 POVERTY GUIDELINES OR OTHERWISE MEET THE ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES AS SET BY
44 THE DEPARTMENT.

1 2. THE DEPARTMENT MAY GIVE PREFERENCE TO A SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES
2 DATA AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION D, PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SECTION SHOWING
3 THAT THERE ARE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL WHO DEMONSTRATE POTENTIAL
4 TO EXCEL IN AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE BUT WHO LACK ACCESS TO ADVANCED
5 PLACEMENT COURSES.

6 D. A SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE
7 ACCESS, PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS PROGRAM SHALL COMMIT TO BOTH OF THE
8 FOLLOWING:

9 1. ELIMINATING ALL BARRIERS FOR STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN ADVANCED
10 PLACEMENT COURSES.

11 2. IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL STUDENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ADVANCED
12 PLACEMENT COURSES BY USING DATA FROM PRECOLLEGE ENTRANCE ASSESSMENTS OR
13 STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS OR PREVIOUS COURSE GRADES OR BY OTHER MEANS.

14 E. THE DEPARTMENT MAY PRIORITIZE HIGH SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN
15 THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE ACCESS, PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS PROGRAM TO
16 FORM PARTNERSHIPS WITH ONE OR MORE FEEDER SCHOOLS IN ORDER TO CREATE AN
17 ALIGNED PIPELINE OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES AND SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT TO
18 EFFECTIVELY PREPARE STUDENTS TO ACCESS AND SUCCEED IN ADVANCED PLACEMENT
19 COURSES AND EXAMS IN HIGH SCHOOL.

20 F. THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEE WAIVER PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED TO
21 ELIMINATE OR REDUCE THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEE COSTS FOR ALL STUDENTS
22 ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE WHO HAVE A FAMILY INCOME THAT
23 DOES NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY
24 GUIDELINES OR OTHERWISE MEET THE ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES AS SET BY THE
25 DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

26 G. THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEE WAIVER PROGRAM FUND IS
27 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF
28 SUPPORTING THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEE WAIVER PROGRAM. MONIES IN THE
29 FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF
30 SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. IF THE DEPARTMENT
31 DETERMINES THAT THERE ARE MORE MONIES IN THE FUND THAN ARE NECESSARY TO
32 SUPPORT THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM FEE WAIVER PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT MAY
33 TRANSFER THE EXCESS MONIES TO THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE ACCESS,
34 PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS PROGRAM FUND ESTABLISHED BY SUBSECTION B OF THIS
35 SECTION.

36 H. ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL
37 COMPILE A REPORT THAT CONTAINS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

38 1. THE NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE IN THE ADVANCED
39 PLACEMENT COURSE ACCESS, PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS PROGRAM THAT ARE ADDING
40 ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES TO THEIR MASTER SCHEDULES, INCLUDING THE
41 COURSES ADDED AND THE NUMBER OF NEW ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEACHERS, BY
42 COURSE.

1 2. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ENROLLED IN AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT
2 COURSE DURING THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR IN EACH SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATES IN
3 THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE ACCESS, PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS PROGRAM,
4 BY COURSE.

5 3. THE FOLLOWING DATA, DISAGGREGATED BY RACE, GENDER AND LOW-INCOME
6 STATUS, TO SHOW THE PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS ON END-OF-COURSE ADVANCED
7 PLACEMENT EXAMS DURING THE PRIOR SCHOOL YEAR:

8 (a) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO TOOK AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM IN
9 EACH SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE ACCESS,
10 PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS PROGRAM, BY COURSE.

11 (b) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO EARNED A THREE OR ABOVE ON AN
12 ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAM IN EACH SCHOOL THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE ADVANCED
13 PLACEMENT COURSE ACCESS, PARTICIPATION AND SUCCESS PROGRAM, BY COURSE.

14 I. ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT
15 THE REPORT PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION H OF THIS SECTION TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
16 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
17 AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

18 J. THE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION END ON JULY 1, 2031
19 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102.

20 K. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

22 Sec. 2. Appropriations; advanced placement course access,
23 participation and success program fund; advanced
24 placement exam fee waiver program fund

25 A. In addition to any other appropriations made in fiscal year
26 2021-2022, the sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the state general
27 fund in fiscal year 2021-2022 to the advanced placement course access,
28 participation and success program fund established by section 15-245,
29 Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act. All monies remaining
30 unexpended and unencumbered on July 1, 2024 revert to the state general
31 fund.

32 B. In addition to any other appropriations made in fiscal year
33 2021-2022, the sum of \$1,200,000 is appropriated from the state general
34 fund in fiscal year 2021-2022 to the advanced placement exam fee waiver
35 program fund established by section 15-245, Arizona Revised Statutes, as
36 added by this act.