

PROPOSED

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1453

(Reference to Senate engrossed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 15-1401, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-1401. Definitions

5 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Accredited" means accredited by a regional accrediting agency
7 recognized by the United States department of education or by the council
8 on postsecondary accreditation.

9 2. "Additional short-term classes" means those classes that are not
10 in session on the forty-fifth day of the fall or spring semester, that
11 commence at various times during the fiscal year and that are offered over
12 a period of less than sixteen weeks.

13 3. "Budget year" means the fiscal year for which the community
14 college district is budgeting and that immediately follows the current
15 year.

16 4. "Community college" means an educational institution that is
17 operated by a district board and that provides a program ~~not exceeding two~~
18 OF NOT MORE THAN FOUR years' training in the arts, sciences and humanities
19 beyond the twelfth grade of the public or private high school course of
20 study or vocational education, including terminal courses of a technical
21 and vocational nature and basic adult education courses.

22 5. "Community college tuition financing district" means a district
23 that is organized pursuant to section 15-1409.

1 6. "Current year" means the fiscal year in which the community
2 college district is operating.

3 7. "District" means a community college district that is established
4 pursuant to sections 15-1402 and 15-1403 or section 15-1402.01 and that is
5 a political subdivision of this state and, unless otherwise specified,
6 includes community college tuition financing districts established pursuant
7 to section 15-1409.

8 8. "District board" means the community college district governing
9 board.

10 9. "Full-time equivalent student" means student enrollment for
11 fifteen community college semester credit units per semester.

12 10. "Open entry, open exit classes" means those classes in which
13 students enter or exit based on mastery of specified competencies and that
14 commence at various times during the fiscal year.

15 11. "Operational expense budget" means the budget as adopted by the
16 district board pursuant to section 15-1461.

17 12. "Operational expenses" means the administration, instruction,
18 operation of community college plant, maintenance of community college
19 plant, fixed charges and contingencies incurred in the operation of a
20 district, ~~exclusive of~~ EXCLUDING all capital outlay items, special levies,
21 auxiliary enterprise funds, restricted funds and bond service items.

22 13. "Provisional community college district" means a community
23 college district THAT WAS organized pursuant to section 15-1409 AND THAT
24 BEGAN OPERATIONS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2015.

25 Sec. 2. Section 15-1444, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
26 read:

27 15-1444. General powers and duties of district boards

28 A. Except as otherwise provided, ~~the~~ EACH district board shall:

29 1. Maintain each community college UNDER ITS JURISDICTION for a
30 period of ~~not less than~~ AT LEAST eight months in each year and, if the
31 ~~funds~~ MONIES of the district are sufficient, maintain each community
32 college for a longer period.

1 2. Adopt policies in a public forum to offer programs that meet the
2 educational needs of the population served by the community college.

3 3. Enforce the courses of study prescribed by the district board.

4 4. Visit each community college under its jurisdiction and examine
5 carefully into its management, conditions and needs.

6 5. Exclude from each community college all books, publications or
7 papers of a sectarian, partisan or denominational character intended for
8 use as textbooks.

9 6. Appoint and employ a chancellor or chancellors, ~~vice-chancellors~~
10 VICE CHANCELLORS, a president or presidents, vice presidents, deans,
11 professors, instructors, lecturers, fellows and such other officers and
12 employees it deems necessary. The district board may enter into employment
13 contracts with chancellors, ~~vice-chancellors~~ VICE CHANCELLORS and
14 presidents for a duration of more than one year but not more than five
15 years.

16 7. Determine the salaries of persons it appoints and employs. A
17 district may not compensate an employee for work performed on behalf of an
18 elected employee representative organization and may not provide more
19 favorable terms and conditions of employment to any employee because that
20 individual belongs to an elected employee representative organization.

21 8. Remove any officer or employee if in its judgment the interests
22 of education in this state require the removal.

23 9. Award degrees, certificates and diplomas on the completion of
24 courses and curricula as it deems appropriate.

25 10. Appoint or employ, if it deems necessary, police officers who
26 shall have the authority and power of peace officers. The police officers
27 who have received a certificate from the Arizona peace officer standards
28 and training board are eligible for membership in and benefits under either
29 title 38, chapter 5, article 2 or the public safety personnel retirement
30 system under title 38, chapter 5, article 4.

1 11. Determine the location within the district of a community
2 college and purchase, receive, hold, make and take leases of, sell and
3 convey real or personal property for the benefit of the community colleges
4 under its jurisdiction.

5 12. Obtain insurance or be self-insured, or a combination of
6 insurance and self-insurance, against loss, to the extent it is determined
7 necessary on community college buildings of the district. The local
8 district shall have an insurable interest in the buildings.

9 B. The district board may:

10 1. Administer trusts declared or created for the district and
11 receive by gift or devise and hold in trust or otherwise property
12 wheresoever located, and if not otherwise provided, dispose of the property
13 for the benefit of the district.

14 2. Lease real property, as lessor or as lessee. If a district is
15 the lessee, the lease may contain an option to purchase the property. The
16 district board may adopt policies as are deemed necessary and may delegate
17 in writing to the chancellor or president of the district, or their
18 designees, all or any part of its authority to lease property under this
19 paragraph. Any delegation by the district board pursuant to this paragraph
20 may be rescinded in whole or in part at any time by the district board.

21 3. Sue and be sued.

22 4. Contract. The district board may adopt such policies as are
23 deemed necessary and may delegate in writing to the chancellor or president
24 of the district, or their designees, all or any part of its authority to
25 contract under this paragraph. Any delegation of authority under this
26 paragraph may be rescinded by the district board at any time in whole or in
27 part.

28 5. Construct, remodel and repair buildings.

29 6. In conjunction with other districts, establish policies for
30 ~~procurement of~~ PROCURING goods and services.

1 7. Provide a plan or plans for employee benefits, which may include
2 optional retirement programs pursuant to section 15-1451, subsection A,
3 which allow for participation in a cafeteria plan that meets the
4 requirements of the United States internal revenue code of 1986.

5 8. Accept grants or donations of monies from the United States or
6 any of its agencies, departments or officers, this state, political
7 subdivisions of this state, tribal governments, school districts, special
8 taxing districts, persons, corporations, foundations or associations. The
9 district board shall deposit the monies into a specific fund or account and
10 shall administer the monies in accordance with the purpose of the grant or
11 donation with specific policies or restrictions as described or stipulated
12 in the grant or donation. In the case of personal property granted or
13 donated to or for the benefit of a community college district, the district
14 board shall immediately transfer possession and ownership of the property
15 to the designated district. Monies received pursuant to this paragraph are
16 not considered local revenues for the purposes of article IX, section 21,
17 Constitution of Arizona.

18 9. Enter into intergovernmental agreements or contracts pursuant to
19 section 11-952.01 for participation in programs offered by public agency
20 pools or separately contract with a trustee or board of trustees that
21 provides a common self-insurance program with pooled funds and risks
22 pursuant to section 15-382, subsection B, paragraph 2. The district board
23 is not required to engage in competitive procurement in order to make the
24 decision to participate in these programs.

25 10. Name a building or a group of buildings that is located on a
26 community college campus on behalf of a person or entity that has made a
27 significant contribution of monies or other property to the community
28 college or the community college district.

29 11. Enter into research and development agreements, royalty
30 agreements, development agreements, licensing agreements and profit-sharing
31 agreements concerning the research, development, production, storing or
32 marketing of new products developed or to be developed through community

1 college district research. Monies received pursuant to this paragraph are
2 not considered local revenues for the purposes of article IX, section 21,
3 Constitution of Arizona.

4 12. Enter into an intergovernmental agreement pursuant to section
5 15-1747 to participate in a reciprocity agreement subject to the terms of
6 the reciprocity agreement.

7 13. Engage in entrepreneurial and commercial activities. Monies
8 received pursuant to this paragraph are not considered local revenues for
9 the purposes of article IX, section 21, Constitution of Arizona.

10 14. Collect auxiliary fees, including cafeteria fees, food service
11 fees, bookstore fees and dormitory fees. Monies received pursuant to this
12 paragraph are not considered local revenues for the purposes of article IX,
13 section 21, Constitution of Arizona.

14 15. Provide goods and services pursuant to a contract with a
15 political subdivision of this state or with a tribal government. Monies
16 received pursuant to this paragraph are not considered local revenues for
17 the purposes of article IX, section 21, Constitution of Arizona.

18 16. FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF SEVEN
19 HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PERSONS OR LESS, OFFER FOUR-YEAR BACCALAUREATE
20 DEGREES THAT ARE ACCREDITED BY A REGIONAL ACCREDITATION AGENCY APPROVED BY
21 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

22 17. FOR A COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF MORE
23 THAN SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND PERSONS, OFFER FOUR-YEAR BACCALAUREATE
24 DEGREES THAT ARE ACCREDITED BY A REGIONAL ACCREDITATION AGENCY APPROVED BY
25 THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

26 (a) FOR THE FIRST FOUR YEARS THAT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS
27 FOUR-YEAR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY NOT OFFER MORE
28 THAN FIVE PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL NUMBER OF DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION OFFERINGS
29 FOR FOUR-YEAR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES. FOR THE FIFTH AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS
30 THAT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS FOUR-YEAR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES, THE
31 COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAY NOT OFFER MORE THAN TEN PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL NUMBER
32 OF DEGREE AND CERTIFICATION OFFERINGS FOR FOUR-YEAR BACCALAUREATE DEGREES.

1 (b) TUITION PER CREDIT HOUR FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS OF A
2 FOUR-YEAR BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM MAY NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT OF
3 THE TUITION PER CREDIT HOUR OF ANY OTHER DISTRICT PROGRAM.

4 C. If a district acquires real or personal property, whether by
5 purchase, exchange, condemnation, gift or otherwise, the district shall pay
6 to the county treasurer any taxes on the property that were unpaid as of
7 the date of acquisition, including penalties and interest. The lien for
8 unpaid delinquent taxes, penalties and interest on property acquired by the
9 district:

10 1. Is not abated, extinguished, discharged or merged in the title to
11 the property.

12 2. Is enforceable in the same manner as other delinquent tax liens.

13 D. In a district whose boundaries encompass a vehicle emissions
14 control area as defined in section 49-541, the district board shall require
15 all out-of-county and out-of-state students to sign an affidavit at the
16 time of course registration that the student's vehicle meets the
17 requirements of section 49-542. The district board on property under its
18 jurisdiction within a vehicle emissions control area shall prohibit the
19 parking of those vehicles that fail to comply with section 49-542.

20 E. A community college district and a career technical education
21 district governing board may enter into agreements ~~for the provision of~~ TO
22 PROVIDE administrative, operational and educational services and
23 facilities.

24 F. Each district may establish a program for the exchange of
25 students between the community colleges under its jurisdiction and colleges
26 and universities located in Sonora, Mexico. The program may provide for
27 in-state tuition for Sonora students at the community colleges under the
28 jurisdiction of the district in exchange for similar tuition provisions for
29 Arizona students enrolled or seeking enrollment in Sonora colleges and
30 universities. The community colleges may work in conjunction with the
31 Arizona-Mexico commission in the governor's office to coordinate
32 recruitment and admissions activities to provide for in-state tuition for

1 up to fifty Sonora students at the community colleges under the
2 jurisdiction of the district in exchange for similar tuition provisions for
3 up to fifty total Arizona students enrolled or seeking enrollment in Sonora
4 colleges and universities.

5 G. Each district shall facilitate transfer articulation coordination
6 pursuant to section 15-1824.

7 Sec. 3. Title 15, chapter 12, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes,
8 is amended by adding section 15-1444.01, to read:

9 15-1444.01. Baccalaureate degree programs; reporting
10 requirements; definitions

11 A. EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT OFFERS A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM
12 PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-1444, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 16 OR 17 MUST MEET
13 BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 14 1. ALL APPLICABLE REGIONAL ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS.
- 15 2. ALL APPLICABLE STATE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS.

16 B. WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER TO OFFER A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM
17 PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-1444, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 16 OR 17, THE DISTRICT
18 BOARD SHALL MAKE ITS DETERMINATION BASED ON ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- 19 1. WHETHER THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAN DEMONSTRATE BOTH:
 - 20 (a) WORKFORCE NEED FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM IN THE
 - 21 REGION SERVED BY THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

- 22 (b) STUDENT DEMAND FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

- 23 2. A FINANCIAL ANALYSIS THAT SHOWS THE SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM
24 IMPACTS TO INITIATE AND SUSTAIN THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM, INCLUDING
25 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 26 (a) THE SOURCE OF MONIES.
- 27 (b) FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS.
- 28 (c) FACULTY.
- 29 (d) PERSONNEL.
- 30 (e) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

1 3. WHETHER THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM WOULD UNNECESSARILY
2 DUPLICATE THE DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
3 EDUCATION IN THIS STATE.

4 4. THE ABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO SUPPORT THE BACCALAUREATE
5 DEGREE PROGRAM WITH STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND THE ADEQUACY OF THE COMMUNITY
6 COLLEGE'S FACILITIES, FACULTY, ADMINISTRATION, LIBRARIES AND OTHER
7 RESOURCES.

8 C. A COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT IS WITHIN A COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
9 LOCATED IN THE SAME COUNTY AS THE MAIN CAMPUS OF ANY PUBLIC UNIVERSITY AND
10 THAT IS DEVELOPING A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM SHALL NOTIFY THE PUBLIC
11 UNIVERSITY WHOSE MAIN CAMPUS IS LOCATED IN THE SAME COUNTY AS THE COMMUNITY
12 COLLEGE DISTRICT AT LEAST SIXTY DAYS BEFORE SUBMITTING THE REPORT
13 PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION TO THE DISTRICT BOARD. WITHIN
14 THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUBMITS THE NOTICE, THE
15 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY MAY PROVIDE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR
16 ITS REVIEW. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT ALLOW A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY TO PREVENT
17 A COMMUNITY COLLEGE FROM OFFERING A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

18 D. BEFORE THE DISTRICT BOARD AUTHORIZES A COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OFFER
19 A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-1444, SUBSECTION B,
20 PARAGRAPH 16 OR 17, THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE MUST SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE
21 DISTRICT BOARD THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

22 1. THE NAME OF THE PROPOSED ACADEMIC DEGREE PROGRAM.

23 2. THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT THAT WILL OFFER THE PROPOSED DEGREE
24 PROGRAM.

25 3. WHETHER THE INSTRUCTIONAL MODALITY WOULD BE IMMERSION OR ONLINE,
26 OR BOTH.

27 4. THE TOTAL CREDIT HOURS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE DEGREE PROGRAM.

28 5. THE PROPOSED INCEPTION TERM.

29 6. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED DEGREE PROGRAM.

30 7. A LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT PLAN, INCLUDING:

31 (a) CONCEPTS.

1 (b) COMPETENCIES.

2 (c) ASSESSMENT METHODS AND MEASURES.

3 8. THE PROJECTED ENROLLMENT BY YEAR FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS THE
4 DEGREE PROGRAM IS OFFERED.

5 9. EVIDENCE OF MARKET DEMAND FOR THE PROPOSED DEGREE PROGRAM.

6 10. SIMILAR DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
7 EDUCATION IN THIS STATE.

8 11. THE NEW RESOURCES REQUIRED, INCLUDING A LONG-TERM PLAN FOR
9 FACULTY RECRUITMENT THAT INDICATES THE ABILITY TO PAY THE INCREASED
10 SALARIES OF DOCTORAL FACULTY AND IDENTIFIES RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES FOR NEW
11 FACULTY.

12 12. ANY WRITTEN RESPONSES PROVIDED BY A PUBLIC UNIVERSITY PURSUANT
13 TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION.

14 E. EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT OFFERS A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM
15 PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-1444, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 16 OR 17 SHALL SUBMIT
16 A REPORT TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF
17 THE FIFTH YEAR AFTER INITIALLY OFFERING THAT BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM.
18 THE REPORT SHALL REVIEW THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
19 PROGRAM AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 1. THE NUMBER OF:

21 (a) ALL BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED AT THE COMMUNITY
22 COLLEGE.

23 (b) APPLICANTS TO EACH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

24 (c) PERSONS WHO ARE ADMITTED INTO EACH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

25 (d) PERSONS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN EACH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

26 (e) PERSONS WHO RECEIVED DEGREES FROM EACH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
27 PROGRAM.

28 2. THE COSTS OF EACH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM, INCLUDING COST
29 PER DEGREE AND THE FUNDING SOURCES THAT WERE USED TO FINANCE EACH DEGREE
30 PROGRAM.

1 3. CURRENT TRENDS IN WORKFORCE DEMANDS THAT REQUIRE FOUR-YEAR
2 DEGREES IN EACH SPECIFIC BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED.

3 4. CURRENT COMPLETION AND CONTINUATION RATES, IF AVAILABLE, FOR EACH
4 COHORT OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN EACH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

5 5. INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF EACH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM ON
6 UNDERSERVED AND UNDERPREPARED STUDENTS.

7 6. THE EXTENT TO WHICH EACH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM FULFILLS
8 IDENTIFIED WORKFORCE NEEDS FOR NEW BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS.

9 7. INFORMATION ON THE PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS AND THE
10 SUBSEQUENT JOB PLACEMENT OF GRADUATES OF EACH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM.

11 8. FOR EACH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAM, THE COSTS TO STUDENTS, THE
12 AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID OFFERED AND THE STUDENT DEBT LEVELS OF GRADUATES.

13 9. TIME-TO-DEGREE RATES AND COMPLETION RATES FOR EACH BACCALAUREATE
14 DEGREE PROGRAM.

15 F. EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT THAT OFFERS A BACCALAUREATE
16 DEGREE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT
17 REQUIRED BY SECTION 15-1427:

18 1. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS PURSUING A BACCALAUREATE DEGREE AT
19 THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

20 2. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES COMPLETED AT THE
21 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.

22 3. WORKFORCE DATA SHOWING DEMAND FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
23 PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.

24 4. THE AVERAGE COST OF TUITION PER CREDIT HOUR FOR THE BACCALAUREATE
25 DEGREES OFFERED AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.

26 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

27 1. "MAIN CAMPUS" MEANS THE CENTRAL LOCATION OF THE PUBLIC
28 UNIVERSITY'S LIBRARY SYSTEM AND COMPUTER CENTER.

29 2. "PUBLIC UNIVERSITY" MEANS A UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF
30 THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

1 Sec. 4. Section 15-1469, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 15-1469. Attendance of nonresident state students; payment of
4 cost by county of residence

5 A. The district may admit students from any part of this state that
6 is not a part of an established community college district on the same
7 conditions as residents.

8 B. The county of the student's residence shall reimburse the
9 district as provided in this subsection. The amount of reimbursement to
10 each community college district from each county that is not a part of an
11 organized community college district shall be determined as follows:

12 1. For students attending classes within the established community
13 college district:

14 (a) Determine the number of full-time equivalent students attending
15 classes within the district from the county for the year preceding the
16 current year.

17 (b) Determine the operational expenses of the district for the
18 current year, excluding direct and indirect costs of noncredit courses **AND**
19 **DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF 300 AND 400 LEVEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
20 **BACCALAUREATE DEGREE COURSES.**

21 (c) Determine the amount of state aid the district received for the
22 current year as provided in section 15-1466.

23 (d) Subtract the amount of state aid received for the current year
24 determined in subdivision (c) of this paragraph from the amount of
25 operational expenses for the current year determined in subdivision (b) of
26 this paragraph.

27 (e) Determine the number of full-time equivalent students enrolled
28 in the district for the current year.

29 (f) Divide the amount determined in subdivision (d) of this
30 paragraph by the number of full-time equivalent students determined in
31 subdivision (e) of this paragraph.

1 (g) Multiply the amount determined in subdivision (f) of this
2 paragraph by the average number of full-time equivalent students for the
3 county determined as provided in subdivision (a) of this paragraph.

4 The resulting amount is the amount of reimbursement to the district from
5 the county for the budget year for students attending classes within the
6 established community college district.

7 2. For students attending classes offered by the district within the
8 county pursuant to section 15-1470, the amount specified in the
9 intergovernmental agreement is the amount of reimbursement to the district
10 from the county for the budget year for students attending classes within
11 the county.

12 C. On or before May 15 of each year, the staff of the joint
13 legislative budget committee shall:

14 1. Determine the amount of reimbursement to each district from each
15 county pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 1 of this section.

16 2. Notify the board of supervisors of each county of the amount it
17 shall reimburse to each district pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 1 of
18 this section for the budget year.

19 3. Notify each community college district eligible to receive
20 reimbursement of the amount of reimbursement from each county pursuant to
21 subsection B, paragraph 1 of this section for the budget year.

22 D. On or before November 15 and May 15 of each year, the board of
23 supervisors shall draw warrants on the county treasurer in favor of the
24 community college district for half of the amount due pursuant to
25 subsection B of this section. The board of supervisors shall:

26 1. Pay monies from the county general fund or levy a community
27 college reimbursement levy pursuant to section 42-17203 for the amount of
28 reimbursement pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement for extension
29 courses as provided in section 15-1470.

30 2. Pay monies from the county general fund or levy a community
31 college reimbursement levy pursuant to section 42-17203 for the amount of
32 reimbursement pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 1 of this section.

1 E. Notwithstanding subsection D of this section, a county and a
2 community college district may specify by intergovernmental agreement that
3 the amount of reimbursement due from the county be reduced by the value of
4 in-kind contributions made by the county to the district.

5 F. For the purposes of subsection B, paragraph 1 of this section,
6 full-time equivalent students are determined in the same manner prescribed
7 by section 15-1466.01.

8 Sec. 5. Legislative findings

9 The legislature finds and declares:

10 1. Four-year degrees are of increasing importance in enabling
11 individuals to qualify for and obtain jobs.

12 2. It is a priority in this state to afford the citizens in this
13 state, particularly those in rural areas of this state, greater access to
14 higher education.

15 3. Community colleges can help fill the gaps in this state's higher
16 education system by granting baccalaureate degrees in order to meet the
17 growing demand for a skilled workforce.

18 4. It is therefore in the interest of this state to enable community
19 colleges to seek authorization to offer baccalaureate degrees.

20 5. Baccalaureate degree programs offered pursuant to this act do not
21 otherwise alter the role and mission of a public community college."

22 Amend title to conform

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