

House Engrossed

appropriations; preschool development grants

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
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# HOUSE BILL 2015

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES 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. Appropriations; department of education; preschool  
3 development grants; fiscal years 2021-2022,  
4 2022-2023 and 2023-2024; evaluation; intent

5 A. The following amounts are appropriated from the state general  
6 fund in the following fiscal years to the department of education to  
7 distribute preschool development grants to eligible providers:

- 8 1. In fiscal year 2021-2022, \$7,500,000.
- 9 2. In fiscal year 2022-2023, \$15,000,000.
- 10 3. In fiscal year 2023-2024, \$22,500,000.

11 B. The eligible providers must use an evidence-based curriculum  
12 that has a clear scope and sequence and an explicit focus on coaching to  
13 assist teachers with curriculum implementation.

14 C. Beginning January 1, 2023, the department of education shall  
15 evaluate the use of the preschool development grant monies by the eligible  
16 providers. The evaluation must include an analysis of child outcome gains  
17 associated with the preschool development grants. On or before January  
18 31, 2024, the department shall submit the report on the evaluation to the  
19 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of  
20 the senate and the secretary of state.

21 D. The legislature intends that the monies appropriated in  
22 subsection A of this section first be used to replace federal monies that  
23 are no longer available to eligible providers that participated in the  
24 preschool development grants program in fiscal year 2018-2019 or  
25 2019-2020.