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REFERENCE TITLE: **technology-based school readiness pilot program**

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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING THE TECHNOLOGY-BASED SCHOOL READINESS PILOT PROGRAM;
APPROPRIATING MONIES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Technology-based school readiness pilot program;
3 reporting requirements; delayed repeal

4 A. The technology-based school readiness pilot program is
5 established during fiscal years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. The department
6 of education shall administer the pilot program.

7 B. The technology-based school readiness pilot program shall meet
8 all of the following criteria:

9 1. Be designed to improve a child's transition into elementary
10 education and contain content in reading, mathematics and science.

11 2. Be aligned with Arizona and nationally recognized early learning
12 standards.

13 3. Be administered by a 501(c)(3) organization.

14 4. Be provided in the child's home.

15 5. Provide for installing a computer or home internet service, or
16 both, for low-income families that do not have a computer or home internet
17 service.

18 6. Include a parental engagement and involvement component, with
19 support models provided in English, Spanish and other languages as needed.

20 7. Include an evaluation component with measures for the child's
21 academic growth over the course of the pilot program.

22 C. On or before November 1, 2021, the department of education shall
23 contract through a request for proposals with a service provider that is a
24 501(c)(3) organization and that demonstrates previous success conducting
25 technology-based school readiness programs through independent, valid and
26 reliable evaluations.

27 D. The department of education shall restrict eligibility for
28 participation in the technology-based school readiness pilot program to
29 children who either:

30 1. Reside within a rural school district in which site-based early
31 learning might not be readily available. For the purposes of this
32 paragraph, "rural" has the same meaning prescribed in section 15-249.13,
33 Arizona Revised Statutes.

34 2. Reside within the boundaries of an Indian reservation in this
35 state as determined by the department of education or a tribal government.

36 E. The department of education shall require the service provider
37 to both:

38 1. Begin administering the technology-based school readiness pilot
39 program on or before January 1, 2022.

40 2. Submit monthly reports to the department that contain measures
41 for student participation and academic growth over the course of the pilot
42 program.

43 F. On or before January 1, 2023, the department of education shall
44 submit a report containing measures for student participation and academic
45 growth over the course of the technology-based school readiness pilot

1 program to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of
2 the house of representatives and shall provide a copy of this report to
3 the secretary of state.

4 G. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2023.

5 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of education;
6 technology-based school readiness pilot program;
7 exemption

8 A. In addition to any other appropriations made in fiscal year
9 2021-2022, the sum of \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
10 fund in fiscal year 2021-2022 to the department of education for the
11 purposes of the technology-based school readiness pilot program
12 established by section 1 of this act.

13 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
14 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
15 to lapsing of appropriations, except that all monies remaining unexpended
16 and unencumbered on July 1, 2023 from the appropriation made in subsection
17 A of this section revert to the state general fund.