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# HB 2819

Introduced by  
Representatives Lieberman: Pawlik

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE INNOVATIVE ASSESSMENT 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. Innovative assessment pilot program; request for  
3 proposals; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The state board of education shall conduct a three-year  
5 innovative assessment pilot program during the 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and  
6 2023-2024 school years.

7 B. Before the 2021-2022 school year, the state board of education  
8 shall issue a request for proposals to contract with the provider of an  
9 innovative assessment that demonstrates that the provider has the  
10 necessary expertise and research capabilities to determine whether interim  
11 innovative assessments could be reliably used to replace the statewide  
12 summative assessment. The innovative assessment shall meet all of the  
13 following requirements:

14 1. Allow for both:

15 (a) The alignment to local scope and sequence.

16 (b) The assessment of multiple skill levels.

17 2. Provide results within a reasonable time period so that  
18 educators may use the results to amend instruction.

19 3. Assess all of the following topics for students in grades three  
20 through nine:

21 (a) English language arts.

22 (b) Reading.

23 (c) Mathematics.

24 C. Any school that is operated by a school district or charter  
25 school may apply to the state board of education in a form and manner  
26 prescribed by the state board to participate in the innovative assessment  
27 pilot program. Participation in the pilot program is voluntary.

28 D. The state board of education shall select a representative  
29 sample of schools from among the applicants to participate in the  
30 innovative assessment pilot program, including schools from all of the  
31 following categories:

32 1. Rural schools.

33 2. Urban schools.

34 3. Schools in which a high percentage of students meet the economic  
35 eligibility requirements established under the national school lunch and  
36 child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751 through 1793)  
37 for free or reduced-price lunches.

38 E. Each school year, the state board of education shall expand the  
39 innovative assessment pilot program by selecting a greater number of  
40 participating schools than the year before. By the 2023-2024 school year,  
41 the participating schools shall be representative of student population in  
42 this state and shall include urban, suburban and rural schools from across  
43 this state.

1 F. On or before December 31, 2024, the state board of education  
2 shall submit a report that summarizes the results of the innovative  
3 assessment pilot program to the governor, the president of the senate and  
4 the speaker of the house of representatives. The state board of education  
5 shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

6 G. The state board of education may adopt policies and procedures  
7 to carry out the purposes of the innovative assessment pilot program.

8 H. This section is repealed from and after March 31, 2025.

9 Sec. 2. Appropriations; state board of education; innovative  
10 assessment pilot program

11 The following amounts are appropriated from the state general fund  
12 in the following fiscal years to the state board of education for the  
13 costs of the innovative assessment pilot program:

- 14 1. In fiscal year 2021-2022, \$750,000.
- 15 2. In fiscal year 2022-2023, \$1,500,000.
- 16 3. In fiscal year 2023-2024, \$1,750,000.