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adult education; grant program; appropriations

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HOUSE BILL 2824

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. Adult education community college coenrollment grant
5 program; fund; reporting requirements; program
6 termination

7 A. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH AN ADULT EDUCATION
8 COMMUNITY COLLEGE COENROLLMENT GRANT PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES ADULT LEARNERS
9 PURSUING A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA WITH ENHANCED STUDY SERVICES
10 AND THAT LEADS TO THE ISSUANCE OF BOTH A HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA
11 AND A COMMUNITY COLLEGE-OFFERED, INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIAL OR DEGREE.

12 B. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE, THE GRANT APPLICANT MUST BE A
13 RECOGNIZED HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM PROVIDER THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT
14 OF EDUCATION AS PART OF THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT
15 (P.L. 113-128; 128 STAT. 1425). THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL
16 ESTABLISH APPLICATION CRITERIA FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM.

17 C. THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMUNITY COLLEGE COENROLLMENT FUND IS
18 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND ANY OTHER MONIES.
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND
20 ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF
21 SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT MAY
22 ACCEPT AND SPEND FEDERAL MONIES AND PRIVATE GRANTS, GIFTS, CONTRIBUTIONS
23 AND DEVISES TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. THE
24 DEPARTMENT MAY RETAIN UP TO FIVE PERCENT OF MONIES RECEIVED EACH FISCAL
25 YEAR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM.

26 D. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL USE THE MONIES IN THE FUND TO
27 AWARD GRANTS TO HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM PROVIDERS PURSUANT TO THIS
28 SECTION. GRANT RECIPIENTS SHALL USE GRANT MONIES TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO
29 ELIGIBLE ADULT STUDENTS FOR FREE OR REDUCED COSTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A
30 COMMUNITY COLLEGE-OFFERED, INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIAL OR DEGREE BASED
31 ON THE CRITERIA PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW
32 FOR A PORTION OF MONIES TO BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS TO ENSURE THE
33 SUCCESS OF ADULT LEARNERS IN THE PROGRAM.

34 E. NEW APPLICANTS FOR THIS GRANT SHALL INCLUDE:

35 1. A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDING WHICH
36 PROGRAMS THEY WILL OFFER, RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH STRATEGIES, AND WHAT
37 SUPPORTS THEY WILL PROVIDE TO SUPPORT PROGRAM COMPLETION.

38 2. THE AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR FUNDING AND THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS
39 THIS FUNDING WILL SERVE.

40 3. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE, PROGRAM
41 ACTIVITIES, PROGRAM STAFF, AND BUDGET.

1 4. A DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC PROGRAM OUTCOMES, GOALS AND METRICS
2 THE PROGRAM WILL USE TO DETERMINE ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS.
3 F. APPLICANTS REAPPLYING FOR THE GRANT SHALL INCLUDE:
4 1. THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE PREVIOUS GRANT CYCLE,
5 THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED IN THE PREVIOUS GRANT CYCLE, AND THE NUMBER
6 OF STUDENTS THAT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A PROGRAM IN THE PREVIOUS GRANT
7 CYCLE.
8 2. A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM IN THE NEW GRANT CYCLE
9 INCLUDING WHICH PROGRAMS THEY WILL OFFER, RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH
10 STRATEGIES, AND WHAT SUPPORTS THEY WILL PROVIDE TO ENSURE PROGRAM
11 COMPLETION.
12 3. THE AMOUNT REQUESTED FOR FUNDING IN THE NEW GRANT CYCLE AND THE
13 NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS THIS FUNDING WILL SERVE.
14 4. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE, PROGRAM
15 ACTIVITIES, PROGRAM STAFF AND BUDGET FOR THE NEW GRANT CYCLE.
16 5. A DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC PROGRAM OUTCOMES, GOALS AND METRICS
17 THE PROGRAM WILL USE TO DETERMINE ADULT LEARNER SUCCESS IN THE NEW GRANT
18 CYCLE, AND HOW THEY PERFORMED ON THESE METRICS IN THE PREVIOUS GRANT
19 CYCLE.
20 G. GRANT RECIPIENTS OF THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMUNITY COLLEGE
21 COENROLLMENT GRANT PROGRAM SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT THE FOLLOWING TO THE
22 DEPARTMENT:
23 1. THE NUMBER OF ADULT LEARNERS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.
24 2. THE PROGRAM COMPLETION RATE OF ADULT LEARNERS ENROLLED IN THE
25 PROGRAM.
26 3. THE AVERAGE PROGRESS OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS TOWARDS MEETING
27 COMPLETION CRITERIA.
28 4. THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS EARNED BY
29 ADULT LEARNERS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.
30 5. A DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMUNITY COLLEGE
31 COENROLLMENT GRANT PROGRAM OFFERED.
32 H. FOR EACH YEAR THAT MONIES ARE APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE
33 INTO THE FUND, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL
34 SUBMIT A REPORT REGARDING THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMUNITY COLLEGE
35 COENROLLMENT GRANT PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
36 AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY
37 OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.
38 I. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION ENDS ON JULY 1, 2031
39 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102.

1 Sec. 2. Appropriations; adult education community college
2 coenrollment fund; department of education; adult
3 education services

4 A. In addition to any other appropriations made in fiscal year
5 2021-2022, the sum of \$3,500,000 is appropriated from the state general
6 fund in fiscal year 2021-2022 to the adult education community college
7 coenrollment fund established by section 15-245, Arizona Revised Statutes,
8 as added by this act.

9 B. In addition to any other appropriations made in fiscal year
10 2021-2022, the sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the state general
11 fund in fiscal year 2021-2022 to the department of education for the
12 purposes of expanding and increasing the capacity of adult education
13 programs and services.