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alternative teacher development program; extension

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CHAPTER 446

SENATE BILL 1401

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-552, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-552, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-552. Alternative teacher development program; report;
5 program termination

6 A. The state board of education shall establish an alternative
7 teacher development program for the purpose of accelerating the process of
8 identifying, training and placing highly qualified individuals into ~~low~~
9 ~~income~~ LOW-INCOME schools through the use of teaching intern certification
10 and the identification of a qualified service provider.

11 B. The department of education shall develop application
12 procedures, selection criteria and minimum performance standards for
13 service providers that wish to participate in the program.

14 C. The state board of education shall award a matching grant to a
15 service provider that meets all of the requirements of this section. The
16 amount of the matching grant shall be equal to the matching monies raised
17 by the service provider, not to exceed the total of monies appropriated to
18 the alternative teacher development program. The service provider that
19 receives the matching grant shall demonstrate that its alternative teacher
20 development program serves public schools in this state and meets all of
21 the following requirements:

22 1. Is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that has been providing
23 alternative teacher recruitment and placement in this state for a period
24 of not less than ten years.

25 2. Serves only public schools that provide instruction to student
26 populations in which a majority of the students are from ~~low income~~
27 LOW-INCOME households.

28 3. Requires that individuals seeking to participate in the
29 alternative teacher development program offered by the service provider
30 have attained a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.

31 4. Maintains a competitive application and selection process for
32 individuals seeking to participate in the alternative teacher development
33 program offered by the service provider.

34 5. Requires all individuals who participate in the alternative
35 teacher development program to commit to serve as a teacher in a ~~low~~
36 ~~income~~ LOW-INCOME public school in this state for not less than two years.

37 6. Provides ongoing support, evaluations and professional
38 development to teachers placed in a classroom through the alternative
39 teacher development program.

40 D. The service provider selected to participate in the alternative
41 teacher development program shall annually report the following
42 information to the department of education:

43 1. The number of teachers placed in ~~low income~~ LOW-INCOME schools
44 by the service provider.

- 1 2. The number of students served by teachers placed in ~~low income~~
2 **LOW-INCOME** schools by the service provider.
- 3 3. Demographic data concerning the aggregate composition of
4 students in classrooms served by teachers placed by the service provider.
- 5 4. A listing of the school districts and schools in which teachers
6 were placed by the service provider.
- 7 5. Classroom-level data collected by the service provider that
8 demonstrates the academic progress of students instructed by teachers
9 participating in the alternative teacher development program.
- 10 6. A descriptive summary of the ongoing support, evaluations and
11 professional development provided to participating teachers.
- 12 7. The performance classifications of teachers participating in the
13 alternative teacher development program pursuant to section 15-537, as
14 reported to the service provider by participating teachers.
- 15 8. A total of all matching monies raised by the service provider.
- 16 E. The department of education shall submit an annual report by
17 December 15 of each year concerning the alternative teacher development
18 program to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of
19 the house of representatives that includes an evaluation of the
20 effectiveness of the program. The department of education shall provide a
21 copy of the report to the secretary of state.
- 22 F. The program established by this section ends on July 1, ~~2020~~
23 **2030 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102.**
- 24 Sec. 2. Retroactivity
- 25 This act applies retroactively to from and after June 30, 2020.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JULY 10, 2021.

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