



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1470

code writers initiative program; appropriation

Purpose

Establishes the Code Writers Initiative Program (Program) within the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to provide grants. Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the state General Fund (state GF) in FY 2023 to ADE for the Program.

Background

The ADE Office of Indian Education must establish an Indian Education Advisory Council (Council) which must include parents who are not certified teachers. The Council, representatives from all Indian nations, members of the State Board of Education, Governor's Office, the Governor's Office of Tribal Relations, the Intertribal Council of Arizona, the Legislature and the Superintendent of Public Education, at least once a year, must meet at least annually to assist in evaluating, consolidating and coordinating all activities relating to the education of Native American students ([A.R.S. § 15-244](#)).

S.B. 1470 appropriates \$1,000,000 from the state GF in FY 2023 to ADE.

Provisions

1. Establishes the Program within the ADE to provide grants on a competitive basis.
2. Requires the Council to evaluate grant applications and make award recommendations to ADE.
3. Requires ADE to maximize available funding by awarding grants to participants that will leverage state monies by securing gifts, grants and donations from other sources.
4. Requires Program grantees to:
 - a) introduce a computer code writing curriculum for students in grades 9 through 12;
 - b) deliver a technology-focused education, which may be offered through after-school programs, to Native American students that will prepare them for the global economy;
 - c) instruct Native American students in computer code writing and work with industry partners to develop internships and programs that will be made available to students who complete Program curriculum;
 - d) instruct teachers and administrators in a technology-focused curriculum;
 - e) develop assessment metrics to measure progress to be used to determine the Program's effectiveness;
 - f) install audiovisual distance learning equipment at key delivery points to maximize the number of Program participants;

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- g) determine the impact of the Program's curriculum and teacher instruction on students' standardized test scores and graduation rates; and
 - h) submit, by September 1, an annual report to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Council and ADE containing detailed information on the Program for the most recent school year.
5. Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the state GF in FY 2023 to ADE for the Program.
 6. Exempts the appropriation from lapsing.
 7. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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