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Introduced by
Representatives Epstein: Bolding, Pawlik, Powers Hannley, Senator Terán

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR A COST STUDY OF ARIZONA ONLINE INSTRUCTION; APPROPRIATING
MONIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Arizona online instruction; cost study; delayed
3 repeal

4 A. The auditor general shall conduct and complete a cost study of
5 Arizona online instruction in this state. The department of education
6 shall cooperate with and provide necessary information to the auditor
7 general. The cost study shall include all of the following:

8 1. The cost of providing Arizona online instruction to students
9 pursuant to section 15-808, Arizona Revised Statutes, including
10 administration, technology, personnel and curriculum costs. Any costs
11 that are supported by the federal government shall be considered for the
12 purposes of this cost study.

13 2. The percentage of online courses offered that are taught in real
14 time by a human instructor.

15 3. The average amount of monies that school districts and charter
16 schools spend on each type of course offered as online instruction.

17 4. The average class size of online courses that are offered by
18 Arizona online instruction providers.

19 5. The amount of monies that the school finance formula generates
20 for a student who receives Arizona online instruction and the amount of
21 monies that follows the student to the student's school of attendance.

22 6. Areas in Arizona online instruction in which this state can
23 reduce or eliminate administrative and reporting requirements.

24 7. Any other areas the auditor general deems necessary.

25 B. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2023.

26 Sec. 2. Appropriation; auditor general; cost study

27 The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in
28 fiscal year 2022-2023 to the office of auditor general to carry out the
29 cost study prescribed by this act.