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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-120.02; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA
REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-240; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING
TO SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

(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 1, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-120.02, to read:
4 15-120.02. School counselor or school social worker ratio;
5 requirements; definitions
6 A. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, BEGINNING IN
7 THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR, IF SUFFICIENT MONIES ARE APPROPRIATED FOR THIS
8 PURPOSE, EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL HIRE AT LEAST ONE
9 SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER FOR EVERY FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY
10 STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL.
11 B. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL HAS FEWER THAN FIVE
12 HUNDRED FIFTY STUDENTS ENROLLED, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL
13 SHALL EITHER:
14 1. HIRE ONE SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER, WHO MAY BE
15 EMPLOYED ON A PART-TIME BASIS.
16 2. ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER
17 SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR CHARTER SCHOOLS TO CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR
18 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES.
19 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
20 1. "SCHOOL COUNSELOR" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION
21 15-154.
22 2. "SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN
23 SECTION 15-154.
24 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 2, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
25 is amended by adding section 15-240, to read:
26 15-240. School counseling or school social work plan grant
27 fund; application; selection criteria; advisory
28 committee; definition
29 A. THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PLAN GRANT FUND IS
30 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF
31 EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE
32 MONIES IN THE FUND TO SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO
33 ASSIST WITH THE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING SCHOOL COUNSELING OR SCHOOL SOCIAL
34 WORK PLANS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO
35 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION.
36 B. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH APPLICATION AND
37 SELECTION PROCEDURES TO DISTRIBUTE GRANTS FROM THE FUND.
38 C. SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY APPLY TO THE
39 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE FUND. EACH APPLICATION SHALL
40 INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
41 1. A LETTER OF COMMITMENT TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
42 COUNSELING OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PLAN THAT DEFINES THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE
43 SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER TO LOCAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES.
44 2. A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODS FOR EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF
45 THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PLAN.

1 3. POLICIES ON CONFIDENTIALITY UNDER THE SCHOOL COUNSELING OR
2 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PLAN.

3 4. POLICIES ON NOTIFYING AND PROVIDING SERVICES TO PARENTS AND
4 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS OF STUDENTS.

5 5. A DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL'S OR SCHOOL DISTRICT'S REFERRAL
6 PROCEDURES TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY ENTITIES AND STATE AGENCIES.

7 6. A DESCRIPTION OF THE SCOPE OF THE SERVICES THAT THE SCHOOL OR
8 SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE.

9 D. SCHOOLS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT HAVE ENTERED
10 INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING OR SCHOOL SOCIAL
11 WORK SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-120.02, SUBSECTION B, PARAGRAPH 2 MAY
12 JOINTLY APPLY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION.

13 E. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MAY APPOINT A SCHOOL
14 COUNSELING OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PLAN GRANT FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHIN
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT AND THE
16 SUPERINTENDENT ON ADOPTING SELECTION CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANTS FROM THE
17 FUND. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF ONE OR MORE OF THE
18 FOLLOWING:

- 19 1. SCHOOL COUNSELORS.
- 20 2. SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS.
- 21 3. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.
- 22 4. SCHOOL PRINCIPALS.
- 23 5. TEACHERS.
- 24 6. PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR
25 CHARTER SCHOOLS.
- 26 7. COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

27 F. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, IN COOPERATION WITH THE
28 SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MAY ADOPT POLICIES TO CARRY OUT THE
29 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

30 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL COUNSELING OR SCHOOL
31 SOCIAL WORK PLAN" MEANS A COUNSELING OR SOCIAL WORK PLAN IN A SCHOOL
32 DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL THAT IS MANAGED BY ONE OR MORE SCHOOL
33 COUNSELORS OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-154.

34 Sec. 3. Appropriations; school counseling or school social
35 work plan grant fund

36 The following sums are appropriated from the state general fund in
37 each of the following fiscal years to the school counseling or school
38 social work plan grant fund established by section 15-240, Arizona Revised
39 Statutes, as added by this act, and are appropriated from the school
40 counseling or school social work plan grant fund to the department of
41 education:

- 42 1. \$19,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-2023.
- 43 2. \$38,000,000 in fiscal year 2023-2024.
- 44 3. \$57,000,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025.
- 45 4. \$76,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026.
- 46 5. \$95,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027.