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health care workforce; grant programs

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HOUSE BILL 2691

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1898, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 36, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 16; REPEALING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 16, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-1898, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-1898. Awarding of academic and vocational credits;
5 policies; current and former military members;
6 annual report; definitions

7 A. Each community college district governing board shall develop
8 policies to require community colleges under the jurisdiction of the board
9 to award academic or vocational credit that a current or former member of
10 the United States military may use toward the pursuit of an associate
11 degree or vocational certification. The number of academic or vocational
12 credits awarded shall be based on all of the following:

13 1. The member's length of time of active duty service in the United
14 States military.

15 2. Skills, knowledge and competencies the member acquired during
16 service in the United States military as determined by the board in
17 consultation with the department of veterans' services.

18 3. If the member provides a transcript, the ~~requirements~~ CRITERIA
19 prescribed in subsection C of this section.

20 B. The Arizona board of regents shall develop policies to require
21 the universities under the jurisdiction of the board to award academic or
22 vocational credit that a current or former member of the United States
23 military may use toward the pursuit of a baccalaureate degree or
24 vocational certification. The number of academic or vocational credits
25 awarded shall be based on all of the following:

26 1. The member's length of time of active duty service in the United
27 States military.

28 2. Skills, knowledge and competencies the member acquired during
29 service in the United States military as determined by the board in
30 consultation with the department of veterans' services.

31 3. If the member provides a transcript, the ~~requirements~~ CRITERIA
32 prescribed in subsection C of this section.

33 C. Each university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona board of
34 regents and each community college under the jurisdiction of a community
35 college district governing board shall notify an applicant for admission
36 who is a current or former member of the United States military that the
37 applicant may:

38 1. Be eligible to receive academic or vocational credit for the
39 applicant's military training and education.

40 2. Submit a transcript of the applicant's military training and
41 education. The university or community college shall both:

42 (a) Evaluate the transcript and work in conjunction with the
43 department of veterans' services to assess and apply the applicant's
44 education, training and experience received through military duty or
45 service to academic or vocational credits in selected programs of study.

1 (b) Notify the applicant which credits from the transcript are
2 transferrable.

3 D. EACH UNIVERSITY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
4 REGENTS AND EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF A COMMUNITY
5 COLLEGE GOVERNING BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
6 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS APPROVED
8 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THE PROGRAMS OF STUDY FOR WHICH THE
9 APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED AND APPROVED. THE REPORT SHALL SPECIFICALLY
10 LIST EACH HEALTH CARE PROGRAM SEPARATELY.

11 ~~D.~~ E. For the purposes of this section:

12 1. "Member of the United States military" or "member" means a
13 person who is currently serving or who has served in the United States air
14 force, army, navy, marine corps or coast guard, the national guard or a
15 reserve unit of any of these branches of the United States military.
16 Member of the United States military or member does not include a person
17 who was dishonorably discharged.

18 2. "Transcript" includes a joint services transcript prepared for
19 the applicant.

20 Sec. 2. Title 36, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding
21 chapter 16, to read:

22 CHAPTER 16

23 HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

24 ARTICLE 1. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

25 36-1801. Definitions

26 IN THIS CHAPTER, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

27 1. "ADMINISTRATION" MEANS THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT
28 SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.

29 2. "ASSISTED LIVING CENTER" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN
30 SECTION 36-401.

31 3. "ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN
32 SECTION 36-401.

33 4. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

34 5. "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.

35 6. "HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN
36 SECTION 36-401.

37 7. "NURSING CARE INSTITUTION" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN
38 SECTION 36-401.

39 36-1802. Arizona nurse education investment pilot program;
40 fund; appropriations; use of monies

41 A. THE SUM OF \$15,000,000 IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE STATE GENERAL
42 FUND IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2022-2023 THROUGH 2024-2025 TO THE DEPARTMENT
43 FOR THE ARIZONA NURSE EDUCATION INVESTMENT PILOT PROGRAM, WHICH IS
44 ESTABLISHED TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THIS
45 STATE BY FOSTERING COLLABORATION AMONG THIS STATE'S EDUCATION AND HEALTH

1 CARE COMMUNITIES AND THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS. THE PROGRAM SHALL
2 ADDRESS THIS STATE'S NURSING SHORTAGE BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ALL
3 LEVELS OF NURSES GRADUATING FROM THIS STATE'S NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS
4 BY THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 FROM THE NUMBER GRADUATING IN FISCAL
5 YEAR 2021-2022. THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE PRIVATE DONATIONS, GRANTS AND
6 FEDERAL MONIES TO IMPLEMENT, SUPPORT, PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN THE PROGRAM OR
7 TO SUPPLANT MONIES APPROPRIATED FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND. THE
8 DEPARTMENT SHALL USE ALL OTHER FUNDING SOURCES BEFORE USING THE STATE
9 GENERAL FUND MONIES.

10 B. THE ARIZONA NURSE EDUCATION INVESTMENT PILOT PROGRAM FUND IS
11 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND MONIES PROVIDED
12 BY ANY FEDERAL AGENCY, ENTITY OR PROGRAM FOR NURSING EDUCATION AND
13 WORKFORCE EXPANSION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN
14 THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF
15 SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. ANY MONIES
16 REMAINING IN THE FUND ON JULY 1, 2026 REVERT TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND.

17 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOCATE FUND MONIES TO THE ARIZONA BOARD
18 OF REGENTS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF NURSING
19 STUDENTS GRADUATING IN FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 FROM ELIGIBLE EDUCATION
20 PROGRAMS OFFERED OR OVERSEEN BY THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE
21 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS. ELIGIBLE EDUCATION PROGRAMS INCLUDE PROGRAMS
22 FOR NURSING ASSISTANTS, LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES, REGISTERED NURSES AND
23 ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES.

24 D. MONIES ALLOCATED FROM THE ARIZONA NURSE EDUCATION INVESTMENT
25 PILOT PROGRAM FUND SHALL BE USED BY THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE
26 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS:

27 1. TO PAY FOR SALARIES, BENEFITS, TRAINING AND RELATED EXPENSES AND
28 OPERATIONAL COSTS NECESSARY TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED NURSING
29 EDUCATION FACULTY MEMBERS TEACHING IN NURSING DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE
30 PROGRAMS THAT ARE OPERATED OR OVERSEEN BY THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS OR
31 THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS. THE MONIES MAY BE SPENT ONLY FOR
32 ADDITIONAL NURSING EDUCATION FACULTY MEMBERS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF
33 FACULTY MEMBERS WHO PROVIDED THIS EDUCATION ON JUNE 30, 2021.

34 2. TO SUPPLEMENT AND NOT SUPPLANT MONIES THAT ARE APPROPRIATED BY
35 THE LEGISLATURE FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2022-2023 THROUGH 2024-2025 BASED
36 ON THE NUMBER OF NURSING EDUCATION FACULTY MEMBERS WHO PROVIDE THIS
37 EDUCATION AND WERE FUNDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.

38 3. FOR CAPITAL EXPENSES THAT ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO ADDITIONAL
39 FACULTY AND STUDENTS, INCLUDING STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES.

40 E. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS, WHICH
41 MAY INCLUDE A GRANT PROGRAM, TO ANNUALLY DISTRIBUTE FUND MONIES TO THE
42 UNIVERSITIES UNDER ITS JURISDICTION FOR USE ONLY AS PRESCRIBED IN THIS
43 SECTION.

44 F. THE DIRECTOR SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS
45 FOR USE ONLY AS PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS

1 FROM A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS COMMUNITY COLLEGES. THE
2 DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION FORM, PROCESS AND PROCEDURE BY
3 WHICH MONIES MAY BE GRANTED. THE GRANTS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SUBSECTION ARE
4 SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF MONIES AND SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED IN A MANNER
5 DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF NURSE GRADUATES OR STUDENTS COMPLETING
6 CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS BY INCREASING AVAILABLE FACULTY AND TEACHING
7 RESOURCES IN A MANNER THAT:

8 1. PROVIDES FOR THE EFFICIENT USE OF AVAILABLE MONIES AND SHARED
9 RESOURCES.

10 2. DISTRIBUTES MONIES THROUGHOUT GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THIS STATE AND
11 TO UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATIONS IN THE NURSING WORKFORCE IN THIS STATE.

12 36-1803. Student nurse clinical rotation and licensed or
13 certified nurse training pilot program; preceptor
14 training; expansion; appropriations; grants;
15 definition

16 A. THE SUM OF \$27,000,000 IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE STATE GENERAL
17 FUND IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2022-2023 THROUGH 2024-2025 TO THE
18 ADMINISTRATION FOR THE STUDENT NURSE CLINICAL ROTATION AND LICENSED OR
19 CERTIFIED NURSE TRAINING PROGRAM, WHICH IS ESTABLISHED TO EXPAND THE
20 CAPACITY OF PRECEPTOR TRAINING PROGRAMS AT HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS FOR
21 NURSING STUDENTS AND LICENSED OR CERTIFIED NURSES. THE APPROPRIATIONS ARE
22 EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF
23 APPROPRIATIONS. ANY MONIES REMAINING UNEXPENDED ON JULY 1, 2026 REVERT TO
24 THE STATE GENERAL FUND.

25 B. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 36-1804, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL
26 DEVELOP A GRANT PROGRAM TO DISTRIBUTE THESE MONIES TO HEALTH CARE
27 INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE LICENSED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4 OF THIS TITLE ONLY TO
28 EXPAND OR CREATE CLINICAL TRAINING PLACEMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE NURSING
29 STUDENTS AND LICENSED OR CERTIFIED NURSES TO TRANSITION TO PRACTICE AND
30 INCREASE SPECIALTY NURSING SKILLS. ELIGIBLE PRECEPTOR TRAINING PROGRAMS
31 MAY INCLUDE PROGRAMS FOR NURSING ASSISTANTS, LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES,
32 REGISTERED NURSES AND ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES, INCLUDING NURSING
33 ASSISTANT PROGRAMS OFFERED BY ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS, ASSISTED LIVING
34 FACILITIES AND NURSING CARE INSTITUTIONS AND APPROVED BY THE ARIZONA STATE
35 BOARD OF NURSING.

36 C. THE GRANT MONIES ARE INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT AND NOT SUPPLANT
37 EXISTING PRECEPTOR OR TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES COVERED BY THE HEALTH CARE
38 INSTITUTION GRANTEE. A HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION APPLYING FOR A GRANT FOR A
39 LICENSED OR CERTIFIED NURSE TRAINING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
40 SHALL INCLUDE MATCHING MONIES FROM A REVENUE SOURCE OTHER THAN THE STATE
41 GENERAL FUND.

42 D. THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR
43 THE GRANT PROGRAM AND MAY AWARD GRANTS FOR MULTIYEAR PROGRAMS. PROPOSALS
44 MUST INCLUDE OUTCOME GOALS AND MEASUREMENTS OF THE NUMBER OF NURSES

1 PLANNED TO BE TRAINED AND RETENTION TARGETS. THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL
2 CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTORS WHEN DETERMINING GRANT AWARDS:

- 3 1. THE GEOGRAPHIC AND POPULATION DISTRIBUTION.
- 4 2. THE NUMBER OF NURSES PLANNED TO BE TRAINED AND RETAINED.
- 5 3. THE COST OF THE PROPOSAL FOR THE NUMBER OF NURSES EXPECTED TO
6 PARTICIPATE AND TO BE RETAINED COMPARED TO OTHER PROPOSALS.

7 E. THE ADMINISTRATION MAY USE MONIES APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS
8 SECTION FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION COSTS AND, IF DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE
9 ADMINISTRATION, TO CONTRACT WITH INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES TO ADMINISTER ALL
10 OR ANY OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM.

11 F. THE ADMINISTRATION MAY USE PRIVATE DONATIONS, GRANTS AND FEDERAL
12 MONIES TO IMPLEMENT, SUPPORT, PROMOTE OR MAINTAIN THE PROGRAM OR TO
13 SUPPLANT MONIES APPROPRIATED FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND. THE
14 ADMINISTRATION SHALL USE ALL OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM
15 BEFORE USING THE STATE GENERAL FUND MONIES.

16 G. THE ADMINISTRATION MAY TERMINATE THE FUNDING OF A GRANT IF
17 OUTCOMES REPORTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-1805 DEMONSTRATE THAT THE GRANT
18 PROPOSAL IS NOT PERFORMING AS PLANNED. MONIES RETURNED MAY BE USED FOR
19 THE OTHER GRANT PROPOSALS OR SHALL REVERT TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND.

20 H. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "LICENSED OR CERTIFIED NURSE"
21 MEANS A NURSE WHO IS OR BECOMES LICENSED OR CERTIFIED WHILE PARTICIPATING
22 IN THE TRAINING PROGRAM AND WHO IS NEW TO PRACTICE.

23 36-1804. Licensed registered nurse transition to practice
24 pilot program; program administrator; program
25 curricula; stipends

26 A. OF THE MONIES APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-1803, UP TO
27 \$2,000,000 IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2022-2023 THROUGH 2024-2025 IS
28 DESIGNATED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE
29 TRANSITION TO PRACTICE PILOT PROGRAM TO FACILITATE AND IMPROVE THE
30 TRANSITION FOR NURSES FROM EDUCATION TO PRACTICE. THE PROGRAM SHALL
31 SUPPORT AND DEVELOP NEW NURSES, PROVIDE EVIDENCE-BASED PROFESSIONAL
32 DEVELOPMENT AND ACCELERATE THE NOVICE NURSE TO A COMPETENT NURSE MORE
33 RAPIDLY.

34 B. THE ADMINISTRATION MAY CONTRACT WITH A STATEWIDE HOSPITAL
35 ASSOCIATION WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES CRITICAL CARE ACCESS HOSPITALS OR A
36 STATEWIDE NURSES ASSOCIATION EXPERIENCED IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING
37 PROGRAMS TO ADMINISTER SOME OR ALL OF THE PROGRAM. THE ADMINISTRATION OR
38 DESIGNATED PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SELECT CURRICULA FOR THE PROGRAM
39 FROM A NATIONAL VENDOR WITH EXPERIENCE ADMINISTERING NURSE TRAINING
40 PROGRAMS. THE CURRICULA MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

- 41 1. EFFECTIVE DECISION-MAKING SKILLS.
- 42 2. CLINICAL LEADERSHIP WHILE ADMINISTERING CARE.
- 43 3. INCORPORATING RESEARCH-BASED EVIDENCE INTO PRACTICE.
- 44 4. PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT TO NURSING.
- 45 5. INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

1 C. THE ADMINISTRATION OR DESIGNATED PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR SHALL
2 PROVIDE STIPENDS TO PARTICIPATING HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS TO IMPLEMENT
3 THE LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE TRANSITION TO PRACTICE PILOT PROGRAM USING
4 THE SELECTED CURRICULA. THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO
5 CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS OR HOSPITALS LOCATED IN COUNTIES WITH A
6 POPULATION OF LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS.

7 D. THE MONIES PROVIDED UNDER THE PROGRAM ARE INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT
8 AND NOT SUPPLANT EXISTING TRANSITION TO PRACTICE TRAINING PROGRAM EXPENSES
9 COVERED BY THE PARTICIPATING HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS. THE PROGRAM
10 ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL REQUIRE PARTICIPATING HEALTH
11 CARE INSTITUTIONS TO PROVIDE MATCHING MONIES FROM A REVENUE SOURCE OTHER
12 THAN THE STATE GENERAL FUND. PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM IS
13 VOLUNTARY. ANY GRANT MONIES REMAINING UNUSED AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR
14 MAY BE ROLLED OVER TO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR OR REALLOCATED BY THE
15 ADMINISTRATION TO THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 36-1803.

16 36-1805. Annual reports; hearing

17 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH
18 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION PARTICIPATING
19 IN THE ARIZONA NURSE EDUCATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM. THE ADMINISTRATION
20 SHALL DEVELOP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STUDENT NURSE CLINICAL
21 ROTATION AND LICENSED OR CERTIFIED NURSE TRAINING PROGRAM, AND THE
22 LICENSED REGISTERED NURSE TRANSITION TO PRACTICE PROGRAM. ON OR BEFORE
23 DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND EACH DECEMBER 31 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT AND
24 ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF
25 THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
26 CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND
27 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND SHALL
28 PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. EACH REPORT SHALL
29 INCLUDE OR ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:

30 1. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING ENTITIES AND WHO PARTICIPATED IN
31 EACH PROGRAM.

32 2. THE NUMBER OF NURSES WHO COMPLETED EACH EDUCATIONAL AND CLINICAL
33 TRAINING PROGRAM.

34 3. THE MEASUREMENTS DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR ADMINISTRATION
35 ON THE EXPANSION OF THE STATEWIDE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE AND RETENTION
36 RATES OF HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

37 4. THE EXPANSION OF UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAMS,
38 INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL NURSING STUDENTS IN EACH EDUCATIONAL
39 PROGRAM.

40 5. THE NUMBER OF NEW NURSE PRECEPTORS AT EACH HEALTH CARE
41 INSTITUTION, THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS AND LICENSED OR CERTIFIED NURSES
42 TRAINED BY THE EXPANSION OF PRECEPTORS AT EACH HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION AND
43 THE TURNOVER RATE OF LICENSED OR CERTIFIED NURSES WITHIN ONE YEAR OF
44 HIRING AT EACH HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION.

1 SECTION. TO QUALIFY FOR A GRANT, THE LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL MUST
2 FILE A GRANT APPLICATION AND PROVIDE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF
3 A QUALIFIED PRECEPTORSHIP WITH A GRADUATE STUDENT IN THE SAME PROFESSIONAL
4 DISCIPLINE. GRANT MONIES MUST BE ALLOCATED BY THE ORGANIZATIONS TO
5 QUALIFIED APPLICANTS BASED ON THE ORDER IN WHICH THE APPLICATIONS ARE
6 RECEIVED, WITH A MAXIMUM GRANT OF \$1,000 PER CALENDAR YEAR TO EACH
7 QUALIFIED APPLICANT, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF PRECEPTORSHIPS THE
8 APPLICANT PROVIDES IN THAT CALENDAR YEAR. GRANT PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN
9 TO PRECEPTORSHIPS IN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND IN RURAL AREAS OF THIS STATE.
10 ANY GRANT MONIES REMAINING UNUSED AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR MAY BE
11 ROLLED OVER TO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR OR REALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO
12 ONE OF THE OTHER STATEWIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

13 E. TO QUALIFY UNDER THIS SECTION, A PRECEPTORSHIP MUST MEET ALL OF
14 THE FOLLOWING:

15 1. PROVIDE AN UNCOMPENSATED MENTORING EXPERIENCE IN WHICH THE
16 LICENSED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SERVING AS THE PRECEPTOR PROVIDES A PROGRAM
17 OF PERSONALIZED INSTRUCTION, TRAINING AND SUPERVISION TO THE GRADUATE
18 STUDENT.

19 2. BE AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS' DURATION.

20 3. PROVIDE AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GRADUATE STUDENT TO
21 ENABLE THE STUDENT TO OBTAIN AN ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL DEGREE.

22 F. THE DEPARTMENT MAY USE PRIVATE DONATIONS, GRANTS AND FEDERAL
23 MONIES TO IMPLEMENT, SUPPORT, PROMOTE OR MAINTAIN THE PROGRAM.

24 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "GRADUATE STUDENT" MEANS AN
25 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS MATRICULATING AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL AT ANY ACCREDITED
26 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE AND WHO IS SEEKING A DEGREE
27 IN THE AREAS OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE, DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE,
28 CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE, CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST, CLINICAL
29 NURSE SPECIALIST, REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OR
30 DENTIST.

31 36-1807. Expansion of behavioral health workforce training:
32 appropriations; pilot program fund; grant program:
33 requirements

34 A. THE SUM OF \$5,000,000 IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE STATE GENERAL
35 FUND IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2022-2023, 2023-2024 AND 2024-2025 TO THE
36 ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM FOR DEPOSIT IN THE PILOT
37 PROGRAM FUND TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY
38 COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE NAVAJO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TO TRAIN
39 STUDENTS AS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKERS.

40 B. THE PILOT PROGRAM FUND IS ESTABLISHED. THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE
41 COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES
42 IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE
43 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF
44 APPROPRIATIONS. MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO DEVELOP BEHAVIORAL
45 HEALTH CURRICULUM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY

1 COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE NAVAJO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT. ANY
2 MONIES REMAINING IN THE FUND ON JULY 1, 2026 REVERT TO THE STATE GENERAL
3 FUND.

4 C. THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM MAY USE PRIVATE
5 DONATIONS, GRANTS AND FEDERAL MONIES TO IMPLEMENT, SUPPORT, PROMOTE OR
6 MAINTAIN THE GRANT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION OR TO
7 SUPPLANT MONIES APPROPRIATED FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND. THE
8 ADMINISTRATION SHALL USE ALL OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM
9 BEFORE USING THE STATE GENERAL FUND MONIES.

10 D. THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM
11 SHALL DEVELOP A GRANT PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MARICOPA COUNTY
12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE NAVAJO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
13 DISTRICT TO DISTRIBUTE THE MONIES IN THE FUND TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES WITH
14 QUALIFYING PROGRAMS TO TRAIN STUDENTS TO ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE OF THE
15 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS
16 COMPLETING QUALIFIED PROGRAMS BY THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025. GRANTS
17 PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED:

18 1. TO EXPAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CURRICULUM AND PAY FOR SALARIES,
19 BENEFITS, TRAINING AND RELATED EXPENSES AND OPERATIONAL COSTS NECESSARY TO
20 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF QUALIFIED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EDUCATION FACULTY
21 MEMBERS TEACHING IN DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OPERATED OR OVERSEEN
22 BY THE MARICOPA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT AND THE NAVAJO COUNTY
23 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.

24 2. TO PAY FOR TUITION, FEES AND RELATED EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES OF
25 ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ENROLLING IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS. THE ARIZONA
26 HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY
27 COLLEGE DISTRICTS, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF
28 STUDENT EXPENSES THAT INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT STUDENTS WHO COMPLETE A
29 CERTIFICATION OR DEGREE PROGRAM PRACTICE AS A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKER IN
30 THIS STATE FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS OR THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT EQUALS
31 THE LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT, WHICHEVER IS GREATER.

32 E. THE GRANTS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ARE SUBJECT TO THE
33 AVAILABILITY OF MONIES. FUND MONIES SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED IN A MANNER
34 DESIGNED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS COMPLETING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
35 DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS.

36 F. THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM SHALL DEVELOP
37 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE USING MONIES RECEIVED
38 FROM THE PILOT PROGRAM FUND. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND EACH
39 DECEMBER 31 THEREAFTER, THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST
40 CONTAINMENT SYSTEM SHALL PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT
41 OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
42 CHAIRPERSONS OF THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND
43 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AND SHALL
44 PROVIDE A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE REPORT SHALL
45 INCLUDE:

1 1. THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS CREATED AT
2 EACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF PROGRAMS
3 AT EACH INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE DISTRICT.

4 2. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SUPPORTED FINANCIALLY IN EACH PROGRAM AT
5 EACH INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

6 3. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS COMPLETING EACH PROGRAM BY TYPE OF
7 PROGRAM AND AT EACH SPECIFIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

8 Sec. 3. Delayed repeal

9 Title 36, chapter 16, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this
10 act, is repealed from and after December 31, 2026.

11 Sec. 4. Legislative intent

12 The legislature intends that the state general fund monies
13 appropriated in this act originate from the state's insurance premium tax
14 collections.