

House Engrossed Senate Bill

~~schools; protective eyewear; terminology~~
(now: high-quality teacher program)

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SENATE BILL 1328

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-240; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

(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 2, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-240, to read:

4 15-240. High-quality teacher professional development
5 program; annual report; definitions

6 A. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A HIGH-QUALITY
7 TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND, SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE
8 APPROPRIATIONS, MAY ISSUE SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS, OR BOTH, ON A
9 COMPETITIVE BASIS AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS
10 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HIGH-QUALITY TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FROM A
11 QUALIFYING POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION THAT WILL SUPPORT CERTIFICATED
12 TEACHERS IN GAINING ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS AND CERTIFICATIONS TO TEACH IN
13 HIGH-NEED CONTENT AREAS. SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS
14 SUBSECTION MAY NOT EXCEED \$2,000 PER QUALIFIED APPLICANT. ANY QUALIFIED
15 APPLICANT WHO RECEIVES A SCHOLARSHIP OR GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
16 SHALL AGREE TO TEACH IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST THREE
17 ADDITIONAL YEARS AFTER COMPLETING THE COURSEWORK OR PROGRAM AT A
18 QUALIFYING POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION. A QUALIFIED APPLICANT WHO ACCEPTS A
19 SCHOLARSHIP OR GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION AND WHO DOES NOT TEACH IN
20 A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST THREE ADDITIONAL YEARS AFTER
21 COMPLETING THE COURSEWORK OR PROGRAM AT A QUALIFYING POSTSECONDARY
22 INSTITUTION SHALL PAY BACK THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP OR GRANT IN
23 A MANNER TO BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT MAY RETAIN UP
24 TO THREE PERCENT OF THE MONIES APPROPRIATED FOR THE PROGRAM TO OFFSET
25 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

26 B. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF
27 EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND
28 THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES A REPORT THAT SUMMARIZES THE
29 RESULTS OF THE PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS
30 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

31 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

32 1. "HIGH-NEED CONTENT AREA" MEANS ANY SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,
33 ENGINEERING OR MATHEMATICS OR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONTENT.

34 2. "QUALIFIED APPLICANT" MEANS A TEACHER WHO IS CERTIFICATED IN
35 THIS STATE BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-203 AND
36 WHO IS CURRENTLY TEACHING IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THIS STATE.

37 3. "QUALIFYING POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION" MEANS A REGIONALLY OR
38 NATIONALLY ACCREDITED PUBLIC OR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL
39 INSTITUTION IN THIS STATE.

40 Sec. 2. Effective date

41 This act is effective from and after June 30, 2023.