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

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

30 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

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

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

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

39 Sec. 2. Effective date

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