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AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE ARIZONA COMMERCE AUTHORITY.

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

2 Section 1. Appropriation; Arizona commerce authority; youth
3 workforce readiness grants; report; exemption

4 A. The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the state general
5 fund in fiscal year 2022-2023 to the Arizona commerce authority to award
6 youth workforce readiness grants to provide support to nonprofit
7 organizations that are recognized by the United States internal revenue
8 service under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code and that
9 provide out-of-school time youth mentoring to ensure that at-risk youths
10 are graduating from high school and pursuing secondary education.

11 B. A nonprofit organization may apply for a grant under this
12 section if the organization demonstrates that it:

13 1. Serves youths twelve to twenty-one years of age who live in
14 poverty and face adverse childhood experiences that are likely to impede
15 their ability to graduate from high school.

16 2. Utilizes a research-informed program that includes one-to-one
17 mentoring.

18 3. Emphasizes workforce development and college and career planning
19 sessions.

20 C. On or before January 1 after each fiscal year that a
21 participating nonprofit organization spends grant monies received pursuant
22 to this section, the nonprofit organization shall submit to the Arizona
23 commerce authority a report containing a detailed description of the
24 number and types of mentoring programs held, the number of youths served,
25 the outcomes achieved, high school graduation rates of participating
26 youths and the number of youths that pursue post-secondary education.

27 D. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
28 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
29 to lapsing of appropriations.