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education and career exploration program

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SENATE BILL 1209

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 15-249.01; APPROPRIATING MONIES; 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 15-249.01, to read:

4 15-249.01. Education and career action plans; early education
5 and career exploration program; fund; annual
6 report; exemption; definition

7 A. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO:

8 1. COMPLETE AN ARIZONA EDUCATION AND CAREER ACTION PLAN FOR EACH
9 STUDENT IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE BEFORE THE STUDENT'S GRADUATION.

10 2. MONITOR, REVIEW AND UPDATE EACH ARIZONA EDUCATION AND CAREER
11 ACTION PLAN CREATED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBSECTION AT LEAST
12 ONE TIME PER YEAR.

13 B. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH AN EARLY EDUCATION
14 AND CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
15 TO ASSIST PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN FULFILLING THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE
16 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

18 C. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE MONIES, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL
19 CONTRACT WITH A NONPROFIT ENTITY TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING TO PUBLIC
20 SCHOOLS:

21 1. A CAREER MAPPING TOOL THAT DOES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

22 (a) MATCHES STUDENTS WITH APPRENTICESHIPS, INTERNSHIPS AND OTHER
23 WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

24 (b) PROVIDES CONTENT MODULES FOR INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CAREER TRACKS.

25 (c) PROVIDES SINGLE-SIGN-ON ACCESS FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND
26 EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

27 (d) PROVIDES CUSTOMIZATION OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

28 (e) ALLOWS STUDENTS TO CONTINUE ACCESSING THEIR PROFILES AND USING
29 THE CAREER MAPPING TOOL AFTER GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

30 (f) PROVIDES ANY OTHER EDUCATIONAL OR CAREER EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES
31 OR CONTENT DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND APPROVED BY THE
32 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

33 2. TRAINING AND RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IMPLEMENTING THE
34 REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO
35 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

36 D. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE NONPROFIT
37 ENTITY TO PROVIDE THE TRAINING AND RESOURCES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION C,
38 PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CONSIDER
39 THE ENROLLMENT SIZE OF EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL WHEN DETERMINING WHAT TRAINING
40 TO PROVIDE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

41 E. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE CAREER
42 MAPPING TOOL AND RELATED TRAINING AND RESOURCES DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION C
43 OF THIS SECTION TO A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT SERVES ANY OF GRADES SIX THROUGH
44 EIGHT. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A PUBLIC SCHOOL TO COMPLETE,

1 MONITOR, REVIEW OR UPDATE AN ARIZONA EDUCATION AND CAREER ACTION PLAN FOR
2 STUDENTS IN ANY OF GRADES SIX THROUGH EIGHT.

3 F. THE EARLY EDUCATION AND CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM FUND IS
4 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY
6 APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING
7 TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. MONIES IN THE FUND MAY BE USED FOR
8 IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING THE EARLY EDUCATION AND CAREER EXPLORATION
9 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.

10 G. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
12 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
13 AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE
14 ANNUAL REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

15 1. HOW MONIES FROM THE EARLY EDUCATION AND CAREER EXPLORATION
16 PROGRAM FUND WERE ALLOCATED DURING THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.

17 2. THE NUMBER OF WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT WERE
18 CREATED THROUGH THE EARLY EDUCATION AND CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM.

19 3. THE NUMBER AND GRADE LEVELS OF STUDENTS WHO USED THE CAREER
20 MAPPING TOOL PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS
21 SECTION.

22 H. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "PUBLIC SCHOOL" MEANS A SCHOOL
23 DISTRICT, A CHARTER SCHOOL, AN INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL THAT IS OPERATED BY A
24 SCHOOL DISTRICT OR THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND.

25 Sec. 2. Reporting requirement; delayed repeal

26 A. On or before December 31, 2028, the department of education
27 shall submit a report to the governor, the president of the senate and the
28 speaker of the house of representatives and provide copies of this report
29 to the secretary of state, the chairperson of the senate committee on
30 education, or its successor committee, and the chairperson of the house of
31 representatives committee on education, or its successor committee. The
32 report shall include the following:

33 1. Copies of each annual report submitted pursuant to section
34 15-249.01, subsection G, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

35 2. An overview of the implementation of the early education and
36 career exploration program established pursuant to section 15-249.01,
37 Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

38 3. The department of education's recommendations that the early
39 education and career exploration program be continued, revised or
40 repealed.

41 4. Written comments received from members of the public regarding
42 individuals' experiences with the early education and career exploration
43 program.

44 B. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2029.

1 Sec. 3. Appropriation; early education and career exploration
2 program fund; exemption

3 A. The sum of \$25,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
4 fund in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the early education and career
5 exploration program fund established by section 15-249.01, Arizona Revised
6 Statutes, as added by this act.

7 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
8 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
9 to lapsing of appropriations.