

REFERENCE TITLE: instructional school garden program

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Introduced by
Representatives Contreras P: Longdon, Ortiz, Seaman, Sun, Terech, Travers

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 3-109.04; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 3, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 3-109.04, to read:

4 3-109.04. Instructional school garden program; duties; fund;
5 definition

6 A. THE INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED TO
7 PROMOTE, ESTABLISH AND SUPPORT INSTRUCTIONAL GARDENS IN SCHOOLS BY
8 ELIGIBLE EDUCATION AGENCIES.

9 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

10 1. ADMINISTER AND MONITOR THE PROGRAM.

11 2. DESIGNATE A PROGRAM DIRECTOR.

12 3. PROVIDE INSTRUCTION AND ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE EDUCATION
13 AGENCIES ON BEST PRACTICES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GARDEN.

14 4. APPLY FOR GRANTS OR OTHER FUNDING SOURCES TO SUPPORT THE
15 PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEPOSIT, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35-146 AND
16 35-147, ALL MONIES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH IN THE FARM TO
17 SCHOOL GARDEN FUND ESTABLISHED BY SUBSECTION E OF THIS SECTION.

18 5. ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR RECEIVING AND EVALUATING APPLICATIONS
19 FROM ELIGIBLE EDUCATION AGENCIES.

20 C. THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONSULT AND COOPERATE WITH ANY APPROPRIATE
21 PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION REGARDING CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
22 AND EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM.

23 D. ANY ELIGIBLE EDUCATION AGENCY MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR
24 FUNDING OR ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING AN INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL GARDEN.

25 E. THE FARM TO SCHOOL GARDEN FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF
26 MONIES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL BE
27 USED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING, CONTINUING AND SUPPORTING
28 THE INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAM. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER
29 THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED.

30 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ELIGIBLE EDUCATION AGENCY"
31 MEANS ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT OR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.