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(now: students; civics education; development program)

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# SENATE BILL 1054

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-718.02; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO SCHOOL  
INSTRUCTION.

(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 7, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-718.02, to read:

4 15-718.02. Arizona civics education and leadership  
5 development program; instructional service  
6 providers; requirements; annual reports; fund;  
7 exemption

8 A. THE ARIZONA CIVICS EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
9 IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE CIVICS  
10 EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH  
11 SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THIS STATE.

12 B. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR  
13 ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARIZONA  
14 CIVICS EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
15 APPROVE AN APPLICATION IF THE ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MEETS ALL OF  
16 THE FOLLOWING:

17 1. IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER  
18 SECTION 501(c)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

19 2. HAS PROVIDED AMERICAN CIVICS EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP  
20 DEVELOPMENT TRAINING TO STUDENTS WHO ARE AT LEAST TEN YEARS OF AGE FOR AT  
21 LEAST FIVE YEARS.

22 3. ADVANCES THE PRINCIPLES OF A DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC THROUGH  
23 MULTIGENERATIONAL CIVICS EDUCATION, CIVIL DISCOURSE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

24 4. CAN PROVIDE AMERICAN CIVICS EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
25 TRAINING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THIS STATE. THE  
26 EDUCATION AND TRAINING MUST DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

27 (a) PROMOTE CIVIL SERVICE AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

28 (b) PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP.

29 (c) PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO IDENTIFY AND DEBATE ISSUES RELATING TO  
30 A DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

31 (d) INCLUDE EDUCATION OR TRAINING ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

32 (i) THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE UNITED STATES  
33 CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS.

34 (ii) THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

35 (iii) THE COMPOSITION AND ROLES OF THE BRANCHES OF LOCAL, STATE AND  
36 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

37 (iv) THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENS IN A DEMOCRATIC  
38 REPUBLIC, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL DISCOURSE.

39 (v) THE POSITIVE BENEFITS FOR CITIZENS IN A DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN  
40 CONTRAST TO OTHER FORMS OF GOVERNMENT.

41 (e) INCLUDE EDUCATION OR TRAINING ON THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE  
42 FOUNDING DOCUMENTS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED STATES AS FOUND IN SOURCE  
43 DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND AMENDMENTS TO THE  
44 CONSTITUTION, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE BILL OF RIGHTS, AND THE ARGUMENTS  
45 PRESENTED IN THE FEDERALIST PAPERS.

1           5. SUBMITS A COPY OF THE CURRICULUM AND ALL COURSE MATERIALS,  
2 INCLUDING INSTRUCTOR MANUALS, AS PART OF THE APPLICATION.

3           C. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, EACH ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT  
4 ORGANIZATION THAT IS APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO  
5 SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6 EDUCATION THAT DESCRIBES THE FOLLOWING WITH RESPECT TO THE ARIZONA CIVICS  
7 EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

8           1. THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED.

9           2. THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED.

10          3. THE OUTCOMES ACHIEVED.

11          D. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL COMPILE THE REPORTS THAT IT  
12 RECEIVES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION AND SUBMIT THE COMPILED  
13 REPORTS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF  
14 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THE COMPILED  
15 REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

16          E. THE ARIZONA CIVICS EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND IS  
17 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND GIFTS, GRANTS AND  
18 DONATIONS TO THE FUND. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE  
19 FUND AND DISTRIBUTE MONIES FROM THE FUND TO ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT  
20 ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE APPROVED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO  
21 SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION. ELIGIBLE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SHALL USE  
22 MONIES FROM THE FUND FOR STIPENDS FOR CIVICS LEADERS AND COUNSELORS, WAGES  
23 FOR PROGRAM STAFF, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, FOOD, BEVERAGES, CLOTHING AND  
24 TRANSPORTATION. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND ARE  
25 EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF  
26 APPROPRIATIONS.

27          Sec. 2. Appropriation; Arizona civics education and  
28 leadership development fund; exemption

29          A. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the state general fund  
30 in fiscal year 2023-2024 to the Arizona civics education and leadership  
31 development fund established by section 15-718.02, Arizona Revised  
32 Statutes, as added by this act.

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