

REFERENCE TITLE: education and career exploration program

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Senator Kaiser

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

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 ASSIST PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN FULFILLING THE
15 REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO
16 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL
17 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 SCHOOLS,
20 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER 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 AND EMPLOYEES OF
26 THE SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL.

27 (d) PROVIDES CUSTOMIZATION OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER
28 SCHOOLS.

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

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

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

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

42 E. THE EARLY EDUCATION AND CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM FUND IS
43 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF
44 EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY
45 APPROPRIATED AND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING

1 TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. MONIES IN THE FUND MAY BE USED FOR
2 IMPLEMENTING AND ADMINISTERING THE EARLY EDUCATION AND CAREER EXPLORATION
3 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.

4 F. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE
6 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE
8 ANNUAL REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

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

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

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

16 Sec. 2. Reporting requirement; delayed repeal

17 A. On or before December 31, 2028, the department of education
18 shall submit a report to the governor, the president of the senate and the
19 speaker of the house of representatives and provide copies of this report
20 to the secretary of state, the chairperson of the senate committee on
21 education, or its successor committee, and the chairperson of the house of
22 representatives committee on education, or its successor committee. The
23 report shall include the following:

24 1. Copies of each annual report submitted pursuant to section
25 15-249.01, subsection F, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

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

29 3. The department of education's recommendations that the early
30 education and career exploration program be continued, revised or
31 repealed.

32 4. Written comments received from members of the public regarding
33 individuals' experiences with the early education and career exploration
34 program.

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

36 Sec. 3. Appropriation; early education and career exploration
37 program fund; exemption

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

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