

Senate Engrossed House Bill
childhood cancer research; commission

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CHAPTER 79

HOUSE BILL 2082

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-121, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 36-121.01; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 36-121, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-121. Childhood cancer and rare childhood disease research
5 fund

6 A. The childhood cancer and rare childhood disease research fund is
7 established consisting of monies received pursuant to section 28-2442,
8 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS, GIFTS, DONATIONS AND FEDERAL GRANTS. The
9 director shall administer the fund. Not more than ten ~~per cent~~ PERCENT of
10 monies deposited in the fund annually shall be used for the cost of
11 administering the fund. The first ~~thirty-two thousand dollars~~ \$32,000
12 received PURSUANT TO SECTION 28-2442 shall be reimbursed to the person or
13 entity that paid the implementation fee. Monies in the fund are
14 continuously appropriated. The director shall annually distribute monies
15 in the fund.

16 B. SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION OR THE AWARD OF FEDERAL
17 GRANTS, OR A COMBINATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND GRANTS, IN AN AMOUNT OF AT
18 LEAST \$5,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AND RARE CHILDHOOD
19 DISEASE RESEARCH, the director shall allocate monies from the fund ~~to~~
20 ~~health care providers and research institutions that are located in this~~
21 ~~state, that are nonprofit organizations and that are engaged in phase I~~
22 ~~clinical trials relating to research on pediatric cancer or other rare~~
23 ~~pediatric diseases. The monies may be used in a collaborative study or~~
24 ~~research program with other facilities outside of this state. Nonprofit~~
25 ~~organizations receiving monies from the fund shall use the monies for the~~
26 ~~purposes prescribed in this subsection even if the monies are aggregated~~
27 ~~with other monies~~ FOR THE GRANTS AWARDED BY THE CHILDHOOD CANCER AND RARE
28 CHILDHOOD DISEASE RESEARCH COMMISSION ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 36-121.01.
29 UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY THE FEDERAL GRANT CONTRACT, THE DIRECTOR MAY
30 USE UP TO FOUR PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED OR GRANTED TO COVER
31 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

32 C. IF THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE
33 APPROPRIATIONS OR FEDERAL GRANTS, OR A COMBINATION OF APPROPRIATIONS AND
34 GRANTS, FOR THE PURPOSES OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AND RARE CHILDHOOD DISEASE
35 RESEARCH IN AN AMOUNT OF AT LEAST \$5,000,000, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ALLOCATE
36 MONIES RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SECTION 28-2442 TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND
37 RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THIS STATE, THAT ARE NONPROFIT
38 ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT ARE ENGAGED IN CLINICAL TRIALS RELATING TO RESEARCH
39 ON PEDIATRIC CANCER OR OTHER RARE PEDIATRIC DISEASES. THE MONIES MAY BE
40 USED IN A COLLABORATIVE STUDY OR RESEARCH PROGRAM WITH OTHER FACILITIES
41 OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVE MONIES FROM
42 THE CHILDHOOD CANCER AND RARE DISEASE RESEARCH FUND SHALL USE THE MONIES
43 FOR THE PURPOSES PRESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION EVEN IF THE MONIES ARE
44 AGGREGATED WITH OTHER MONIES.

1 ~~C.~~ D. Monies in the fund are exempt from the provisions of section
2 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations.

3 Sec. 2. Title 36, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
4 is amended by adding section 36-121.01, to read:

5 36-121.01. Childhood cancer and rare childhood disease
6 research commission; membership; reimbursement;
7 conflict of interest; annual report

8 A. SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 36-121,
9 SUBSECTION B, THE CHILDHOOD CANCER AND RARE CHILDHOOD DISEASE RESEARCH
10 COMMISSION IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO
11 ARE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR:

12 1. ONE MEMBER WHO IS A SURVIVOR OF CHILDHOOD CANCER OR A CAREGIVER
13 TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE CHILDHOOD CANCER.

14 2. ONE MEMBER WHO IS A SURVIVOR OF A RARE CHILDHOOD DISEASE OR A
15 CAREGIVER TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE RARE CHILDHOOD DISEASES.

16 3. FOUR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO PRACTICE IN THE FIELD OF EITHER
17 PEDIATRIC CANCER OR RARE CHILDHOOD DISEASES.

18 4. ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A NATIONWIDE PEDIATRIC CANCER ADVOCACY
19 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

20 B. COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL SERVE FIVE-YEAR TERMS AND SHALL
21 ANNUALLY ELECT A CHAIRPERSON FROM THE MEMBERSHIP. COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE
22 NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION BUT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF
23 EXPENSES PURSUANT TO TITLE 38, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2.

24 C. THE COMMISSION SHALL:

25 1. ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE CLINICAL TRIALS THAT QUALIFY TO
26 RECEIVE RESEARCH GRANTS.

27 2. OVERSEE THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE
28 CLINICAL TRIAL RESEARCH GRANTS TO ASSIST THE DIRECTOR IN SELECTING THE
29 MOST CREDIBLE CLINICAL TRIALS TO WHICH TO AWARD THE RESEARCH GRANTS.

30 3. ENSURE THAT ALL COMMISSION MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND
31 ALLOW FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

32 D. THE DIRECTOR SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND
33 RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THIS STATE, THAT ARE NONPROFIT
34 ORGANIZATIONS AND THAT ARE ENGAGED IN CLINICAL TRIALS RELATING TO RESEARCH
35 ON PEDIATRIC CANCER OR OTHER RARE PEDIATRIC DISEASES. THE MONIES AWARDED
36 MAY BE USED IN A COLLABORATIVE STUDY OR RESEARCH PROGRAM WITH OTHER
37 FACILITIES OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVE
38 MONIES FROM THE CHILDHOOD CANCER AND RARE DISEASE RESEARCH FUND
39 ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 36-121 SHALL USE THE MONIES FOR THE PURPOSES
40 PRESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION EVEN IF THE MONIES ARE AGGREGATED WITH OTHER
41 MONIES.

42 D. COMMISSION MEMBERS SHALL RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM DISCUSSING AND
43 VOTING ON ANY MATTER IN WHICH THEY HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. IF AT ANY
44 TIME COMMISSION MEMBER RECUSALS DUE TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST CAUSE THE
45 COMMISSION TO NO LONGER HAVE A QUORUM TO TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION, THE

1 DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE AND OTHER DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBERS
2 APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR MAY ACT AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON ANY
3 GRANT APPLICATION AT ISSUE.

4 E. NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2027 AND AUGUST 1 OF EACH YEAR
5 THEREAFTER, THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS
6 COMMITTEES AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE
7 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, DETAILING THE
8 NUMBER, AMOUNTS AND RECIPIENTS OF THE GRANTS AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS
9 SECTION, THE RESULTING RESEARCH AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 4, 2026.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JUNE 5, 2026.