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## **HB 2383**

Introduced by  
Representatives Wilmeth: Gress, Hernandez A, Hernandez C, Hernandez L,  
Martinez, Tsosie; Senators Bravo, Leach

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE ARIZONA COMMERCE AUTHORITY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Appropriation; Arizona commerce authority; applied  
3 research centers; technology; reports;  
4 exemptions; intent

5 A. The sum of \$8,000,000 is appropriated from the state general  
6 fund in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Arizona commerce authority to be  
7 distributed as follows:

8 1. \$3,000,000 to applied research centers located in this state  
9 that specialize in medical technology, including hardware or software  
10 components that monitor, enhance or improve the delivery of health care or  
11 human performance.

12 2. \$2,000,000 to applied research centers located in this state  
13 that specialize in technology that produces or stores energy by reducing  
14 carbon emissions or enhances water sustainability.

15 3. \$2,000,000 to applied research centers located in this state  
16 that specialize in semiconductor or semiconductor-adjacent technology.

17 4. \$1,000,000 to applied research centers located in this state  
18 that specialize in any other technology that the authority determines will  
19 benefit this state.

20 B. The authority shall distribute the monies appropriated in  
21 subsection A of this section to any applied research center located in  
22 this state in increments of up to \$250,000 within thirty days after the  
23 applied research center notifies the authority in writing that the applied  
24 research center has received a matching amount from sources other than  
25 this state.

26 C. For the purpose of distributing the monies appropriated in  
27 subsection A of this section, the authority is exempt from the  
28 requirements of title 41, chapter 23, Arizona Revised Statutes.

29 D. An applied research center that receives a distribution pursuant  
30 to this section:

31 1. Shall collaborate with universities, nonprofit business  
32 associations, health science research centers, institutes or other  
33 technology businesses that do business in this state.

34 2. May collaborate with community colleges and universities in this  
35 state to train the workforce on skills relevant to technologies described  
36 in subsection A of this section.

37 E. For each fiscal year that an applied research center located in  
38 this state receives monies pursuant to this section, the applied research  
39 center shall submit an expenditure and performance report to the  
40 authority. On or before February 1 of each year, the authority shall  
41 transmit the reports to the joint legislative budget committee and the  
42 governor's office of strategic planning and budgeting.

1           F. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt  
2 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating  
3 to lapsing of appropriations, except that any monies that remain  
4 unexpended and unencumbered on June 30, 2027 revert to the state general  
5 fund.  
6           G. The legislature intends that the appropriation made in  
7 subsection A of this section be considered ongoing funding in future  
8 years.