

REFERENCE TITLE: child care workforce; scholarship program

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HB 2901

Introduced by
Representatives Austin: Abeytia, Caverro, Crews

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 46, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 46-812; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO CHILD CARE
SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 46, chapter 7, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 46-812, to read:

4 ~~46-812.~~ Child care workforce scholarship program

5 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A CHILD CARE WORKFORCE
6 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A SCHOLARSHIP TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS BELOW
7 EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE STATE MEDIAN INCOME AND WHO IS ANY OF THE
8 FOLLOWING:

9 1. A TEACHER, EDUCATOR, ASSISTANT OR SUPPORT STAFF OF A
10 DEPARTMENT-CONTRACTED CHILD CARE PROVIDER.

11 2. A DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.

12 3. A DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF A KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM.

13 4. A DISTRICT EMPLOYEE OF ANY OF GRADES ONE THROUGH TWELVE.

14 B. A PERSON WHO IS SELECTED TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THIS
15 SECTION SHALL ONLY USE THE MONIES FOR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTED CHILD CARE
16 PROVIDERS AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PAY THE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTED CHILD
17 CARE PROVIDERS DIRECTLY.

18 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISPERSE MONIES WHEN THE DEPARTMENT
19 RECEIVES THE MONIES ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS.

20 Sec. 2. Appropriation; department of economic security; child
21 care workforce scholarship program; exemption

22 A. The sum of \$100,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
23 fund in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the department of economic security for
24 the child care workforce scholarship program established pursuant to
25 section 46-812, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

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