

REFERENCE TITLE: book gifting fund; appropriation

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Introduced by
Senator Ortiz

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-1970; APPROPRIATING MONIES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF ECONOMIC SECURITY.

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 14, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1970, to read:

4 41-1970. Book gifting fund; grants; requirements

5 A. THE BOOK GIFTING FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES
6 APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY
7 APPROPRIATED. THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY SHALL ADMINISTER THE
8 FUND AND MAY USE THE MONIES THAT ARE DEPOSITED IN THE FUND FOR
9 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS INCURRED UNDER THIS SECTION. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE
10 EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF
11 APPROPRIATIONS.

12 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

13 1. ESTABLISH APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER-RUN
14 ORGANIZATIONS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND TO PAY FOR THE PURCHASE
15 AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGE-APPROPRIATE BOOKS TO CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE
16 FIVE AT NO COST TO THE RECIPIENT.

17 2. SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE MONIES, DISTRIBUTE GRANT MONIES FROM THE
18 FUND TO EACH NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATES THE
19 CAPACITY TO PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTE AGE-APPROPRIATE BOOKS TO CHILDREN FROM
20 BIRTH TO AGE FIVE AT NO COST TO THE RECIPIENT.

21 Sec. 2. Appropriation; book gifting fund; exemption

22 A. The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the state general
23 fund in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the book gifting fund established by
24 section 41-1970, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

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