

REFERENCE TITLE: appropriation; dual enrollment training; scholarships

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Introduced by
Senator Gonzales

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

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

2 Section 1. Appropriation; Arizona board of regents;
3 exemption; dual enrollment instructor
4 scholarships; annual report; delayed repeal;
5 definitions

6 A. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
7 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Arizona board of regents to administer a
8 dual enrollment instructor scholarship program. The appropriation made in
9 this subsection is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona
10 Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations, except that all
11 unexpended and unencumbered monies remaining on July 1, 2028 revert to the
12 state general fund.

13 B. In fiscal years 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, the Arizona
14 board of regents shall use the monies appropriated in subsection A of this
15 section to award scholarships on a first-come, first-served basis to
16 eligible teachers who are seeking to become dual enrollment instructors.

17 C. The Arizona board of regents may award a scholarship to an
18 eligible teacher for up to the actual costs of an educational or training
19 program that satisfies the requirements adopted by a higher learning
20 commission for dual enrollment instructors. The amount of scholarship
21 monies awarded pursuant to this subsection may not exceed the teacher's
22 actual costs of the educational or training program minus other financial
23 gifts, aid or grants received by the teacher.

24 D. On or before ____, 2025 and each year thereafter, the Arizona
25 board of regents shall submit a report to the president of the senate, the
26 speaker of the house of representatives and the governor and shall provide
27 a copy of the report to the secretary of state that includes all of the
28 following for the previous school year:

29 1. The statewide number of applicants for dual enrollment
30 instructor scholarships.

31 2. The name of each school district and charter school that employs
32 eligible teachers who received or applied for dual enrollment instructor
33 scholarships.

34 3. The average amount of scholarship monies awarded for the state.

35 E. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2029.

36 F. For the purposes of this section:

37 1. "Eligible teacher" means a certificated teacher who is currently
38 employed by a school district or charter school in this state if both of
39 the following apply:

40 (a) The school district or charter school that employs the teacher
41 does not offer dual enrollment courses on or before the date on which the
42 teacher enrolls in the educational or training program.

1 (b) At least seventy-five percent of the students who are enrolled
2 in the school district or charter school that employs the teacher are
3 eligible for free or reduced-price lunches.
4 2. "Higher learning commission" means a higher learning commission
5 that accredits degree-granting postsecondary education institutions in the
6 north central region, including this state.