

REFERENCE TITLE: Arizona rural health transformation fund

State of Arizona  
Senate  
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## **SB 1316**

Introduced by  
Senators Angius: Payne, Shamp

### **AN ACT**

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 36-2920.01; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST  
CONTAINMENT SYSTEM.

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

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 29, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-2920.01, to read:

4 36-2920.01. Arizona rural health transformation fund; public  
5 meetings; expenditure plan; joint legislative  
6 budget committee approval

7 A. THE ARIZONA RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION FUND IS ESTABLISHED  
8 CONSISTING OF MONIES RECEIVED BY THIS STATE THROUGH THE RURAL HEALTH  
9 TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 71401 OF PUBLIC LAW 119-21.  
10 THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.  
11 MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED.

12 B. BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH MAY SPEND ANY OF THE MONIES IN THE  
13 ARIZONA RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION FUND, THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST  
14 CONTAINMENT SYSTEM SHALL HOLD THREE PUBLIC MEETINGS IN EACH OF THE LARGEST  
15 METROPOLITAN AREAS IN NORTHERN, CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ARIZONA TO RECEIVE  
16 INPUT AND FEEDBACK REGARDING HOW THE MONIES SHOULD BE SPENT. AFTER THE  
17 THREE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD, THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT  
18 SYSTEM SHALL SUBMIT AN EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR THE MONIES RECEIVED THROUGH  
19 THE RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 71401 OF  
20 PUBLIC LAW 119-21 TO THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.