

Senate Engrossed

Arizona rural health transformation fund

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SENATE BILL 1316

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.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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.