

REFERENCE TITLE: language acquisition grant program

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Introduced by
Representative Willoughby

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-2023; RELATING TO EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 14, article 5, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-2023, to read:

4 41-2023. Language acquisition grant program

5 A. THE LANGUAGE ACQUISITION GRANT PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE
6 GRANTS FOR AND EDUCATE APPLICANTS WITH INFANTS AND TODDLERS WHO ARE DEAF
7 OR HARD OF HEARING ON THE LANGUAGE ACQUISITION SERVICES AND RESOURCES THAT
8 ARE AVAILABLE IN THIS STATE. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT
9 PROGRAM AND MAY ADOPT RULES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO CARRY OUT THE
10 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION. AN APPLICANT SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A
11 GRANT ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

12 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH LISTENING AND SPOKEN LANGUAGE
13 PROVIDERS IN THIS STATE TO PROVIDE LISTENING AND SPOKEN LANGUAGE SERVICES
14 TO APPLICANTS WITH INFANTS AND TODDLERS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING.

15 C. FAMILIES THAT ARE REFERRED TO EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AND
16 SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ALSO BE REFERRED TO BOTH OF THE
17 FOLLOWING:

18 1. QUALIFIED PROVIDERS WITHIN THE LANGUAGE ACQUISITION GRANT
19 PROGRAM FOR LISTENING AND SPOKEN LANGUAGE SERVICES AND ANY OTHER FORMS OF
20 LANGUAGE ACQUISITION.

21 2. THE ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND TO LEARN
22 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AND ANY OTHER FORM OF LANGUAGE ACQUISITION.