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allied health care workforce; appropriation

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# SENATE BILL 1461

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES 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. Appropriation; Arizona health care cost  
3 containment system; allied health care workforce  
4 development program; definition

5 A. The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the state general  
6 fund in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the Arizona health care cost containment  
7 system to establish an allied health care workforce development program to  
8 develop the allied health care workforce in this state.

9 B. The Arizona health care cost containment system shall distribute  
10 the monies to a nonprofit organization that meets all of the following:

11 1. Is solely dedicated to training allied health care workers  
12 through direct programs and education partners.

13 2. Has established partnerships with employers, education  
14 institutions and public agencies.

15 3. Has graduated at least seven thousand students before the  
16 effective date of this section.

17 4. Has maintained an active presence in at least eight states.

18 5. Is able to demonstrate the capacity to graduate a minimum of one  
19 thousand students through the allied health care workforce development  
20 program established pursuant to subsection A of this section.

21 C. For the purposes of this section, "allied health care worker"  
22 means an individual who contributes to the delivery of health or related  
23 services in roles that are distinct from physicians and registered nurses  
24 and that typically require specialized training beyond a high school  
25 diploma but less than a bachelor's degree.