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Bill to Let Community Colleges Offer 4-Year Baccalaureate Degrees Gets Final Approval in Legislature, Awaits Governor's Signature

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – A bipartisan proposal to allow community colleges to offer accredited four-year baccalaureate degrees has received final approval in the Arizona legislature today. The legislation, first introduced as [HB 2523](#) by State Representative Becky Nutt (R-14), was added as a strike-all amendment to [SB 1453](#), recently passing in the House and today in the Senate.

“Enabling community colleges in our state to offer four-year degrees will make higher education dramatically more accessible and more affordable for Arizonans,” said Representative Nutt. **“It fills gaps between Arizona’s universities and community colleges. Arizonans, especially those in rural, low income and middle-class communities, will have more opportunities to help achieve educational and professional goals, whether to pursue a trade, increase career opportunities, or simply gain more knowledge in areas of interest.”**

Learn more about the bill’s provisions [here](#).

The bill is on its way to the governor for signature into law.

Becky Nutt is a Republican member of the Arizona House of Representatives serving Legislative District 14, which includes areas of Greenlee, Graham, Cochise, and eastern Pima Counties.

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