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HOUSE BILL 2204

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-154.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION; RELATING TO CHARACTER EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 15-154.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-154.01. Character education matching grant program; program
5 termination

6 A. Any public or charter school that teaches a character education
7 curriculum pursuant to section 15-719 is eligible for a state matching grant
8 ~~of up to one thousand five hundred dollars annually~~. The school shall
9 provide matching monies from any lawful source, except that the school shall
10 not use resources obtained from a federal character education grant as
11 matching monies to obtain a second state character education grant.

12 B. The character education program shall be an age-specific,
13 stand-alone character education curriculum with the following elements:

14 1. Applicable definitions for character qualities that include at
15 least five of the following attributes:

- 16 (a) Attentiveness.
- 17 (b) Caring.
- 18 (c) Citizenship.
- 19 (d) Compassion.
- 20 (e) Diligence.
- 21 (f) Discernment.
- 22 (g) Forgiveness.
- 23 (h) Generosity.
- 24 (i) Gratefulness.
- 25 (j) Initiative.
- 26 (k) Orderliness.
- 27 (l) Respect.
- 28 (m) Responsibility.
- 29 (n) Sincerity.
- 30 (o) Trustworthiness.
- 31 (p) Virtue.
- 32 (q) Wisdom.

33 2. Activities that provide a forum for practical application and an
34 environment in which character-related behavior is identified, recognized and
35 reinforced such as literature or visual media presentations or discussion of
36 character values as they relate to a specific story.

37 3. Stories from the lives of our nation's leaders, where character
38 qualities are demonstrated.

39 4. Mentors or teachers who demonstrate the character qualities defined
40 in the lessons presented.

41 5. Mentor and teacher training for praising students who demonstrate
42 specific character qualities.

43 6. A precourse and postcourse survey of parents, teachers and students
44 on their assessment of the program.

1 C. The department of education shall ~~contract with and distribute~~
2 ~~state matching grant monies to the Arizona K-12 center at northern Arizona~~
3 ~~university. The Arizona K-12 center at northern Arizona university shall~~
4 administer the program and distribute the state matching grant monies.
5 Programs must demonstrate proven and effective curriculum and training to
6 receive matching grant funds.

7 D. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE STATE MATCHING
8 GRANT MONIES UNDER THIS SECTION FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY ORGANIZATIONS THAT
9 HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PREAPPROVED AS PROVIDERS OF PROVEN AND EFFECTIVE
10 PROGRAMS. GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY SCHOOLS:

11 1. SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SHALL LIST A
12 SELECTED PREAPPROVED PROGRAM PROVIDER.

13 2. SHALL BE FAIRLY AND OBJECTIVELY REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY A
14 TECHNICAL EVALUATION TEAM THAT IS APPOINTED BY THE PROCUREMENT DIVISION OF
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THAT IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION COMMUNITY, THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND
17 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

18 3. ARE SUBJECT TO THE PROCUREMENT LAWS OF THIS STATE.

19 ~~D.~~ E. The ~~state~~ department of education shall apply for all
20 applicable character education grants from the federal government.

21 ~~E.~~ F. The department of education shall ~~work in cooperation with the~~
22 ~~Arizona K-12 center at northern Arizona university to~~ evaluate the
23 effectiveness of all character education programs funded by state and federal
24 resources.

25 ~~F.~~ G. The program established by this section ends on July 1, 2010
26 pursuant to section 41-3102.

27 Sec. 2. Transfer of unspent character education monies

28 On the effective date of this act, any unspent character education
29 monies distributed since June 30, 2005 to the Arizona K-12 center at northern
30 Arizona university pursuant to section 42-5029, Arizona Revised Statutes,
31 shall be transferred to the department of education.