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Introduced by
Senators Pesquiera, Hale, Landrum Taylor, Miranda, O'Halleran;
Representative Young Wright: Senators Aboud, Gray L, Rios, Soltero;
Representative Prezelski

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 11, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9;
RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

(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 11, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended
3 by adding article 9, to read:

4 ARTICLE 9. EMPLOYEE EDUCATION REIMBURSEMENT

5 41-1691. Employee postsecondary education: tuition
6 reimbursement

7 PENDING THE STATUS OF THIS STATE'S FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND SUBJECT TO
8 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH A POSTSECONDARY
9 EDUCATION POLICY FOR DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

10 1. REIMBURSEMENT SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR TUITION EXPENSES AT NATIONALLY
11 ACCREDITED PUBLIC OR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN THIS
12 STATE.

13 2. ONLY FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR AT
14 LEAST SIX MONTHS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT.

15 3. THE EMPLOYEE MUST COMMIT TO AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT WITH
16 THE DEPARTMENT AFTER RECEIVING THE LAST YEAR OF TUITION AND FAILURE TO COMPLY
17 WITH THIS COMMITMENT REQUIRES REIMBURSEMENT OF ALL OF THE TUITION GRANTED TO
18 THE EMPLOYEE.

19 4. THE EMPLOYEE MUST MAINTAIN A GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF AT LEAST 3.5
20 AND FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THAT GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIRES REIMBURSEMENT OF
21 FIFTY PER CENT OF THE TUITION GRANTED TO THE EMPLOYEE.

22 5. POSTSECONDARY COURSES ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT ARE LIMITED TO
23 CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CORRECTIONS AND BUSINESS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.