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HB 2848: higher education; 2022-2023

**Sponsor: Representative Cobb (with permission of Committee on Rules), LD 5
Committee on Appropriations**

Overview

Contains provisions relating to higher education needed to implement the FY 2023 budget.

History

Arizona Financial Aid Trust Fund (AFAT)

AFAT provides immediate aid to students with verifiable financial need. AFAT consists of three primary funding sources: 1) student registration fees; 2) state General Fund monies; and 3) if applicable, 20% of cumulative net income earned by the universities from the sale or transfer of intellectual property exceeding \$1,000,000 (A.R.S. §§ [15-1642](#), [15-1670](#)). For FY 2023, student registration fees range from \$84 to \$112 for students attending main campuses (part-time students pay half these amounts) ([JLBC Baseline](#)). Statute requires each dollar raised pursuant to student registration fees to be matched by \$2 appropriated by the Legislature. [Laws 2021, Chapter 410](#) suspended this required match and [Laws 2021, Chapter 408](#) appropriated \$10,041,200 in total to the three universities for AFAT.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Workforce Programs State Aid

Statute establishes a formula that calculates each community college district's (CCD's) STEM and workforce programs state aid by multiplying the CCD's full-time equivalent student (FTSE) count by statutorily set dollar amounts. A CCD may spend STEM and workforce programs state aid on partnerships, additional faculty, technology, equipment, technology infrastructure, student services and the purchase or lease of real property ([A.R.S. § 15-1464](#)). [Laws 2021, Chapter 410](#) suspended this statutory formula and [Laws 2021, Chapter 408](#) appropriated a total of \$4,549,900 for STEM and workforce programs state aid. [Laws 2019, Chapter 263](#) appropriated \$1,600,000 and \$400,000 to Maricopa and Pima CCDs, respectively, for STEM and workforce development in FYs 2020-2022.

Operating State Aid

Statute directs the Legislature to determine and appropriate an amount of operating state aid to eligible CCDs. A statutory formula is used to adjust a CCD's operating state aid according to changes in its FTSE count. CCDs may use operating state aid for continuing operating and maintenance expenses ([A.R.S. § 15-1466](#)). [Laws 2021, Chapter 410](#) suspended this statutory formula and [Laws 2021, Chapter 408](#) appropriated a total of \$15,281,400 in operating state aid.

Provisions

1. As session law for FY 2023, authorizes each dollar raised by the surcharge on student registration fees assessed pursuant to AFAT to be matched by less than \$2 appropriated by the Legislature. (Sec. 1)
2. As session law for FY 2023, declares STEM and workforce programs state aid and operating state aid for CCDs are as specified in the General Appropriations Act. (Sec. 2, 3)

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