



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1301

Arizona health education centers; increase

Purpose

Establishes an additional area health education center focusing on the Indian health care delivery system.

Background

The Arizona Area Health Education System (Health Education System) was established in 1984 by the Arizona Board of Regents in the College of Medicine at the University of Arizona. The Health Education System consists of five area health education centers each representing a geographic area with specified populations that currently lack services by the health care professions ([A.R.S. § 15-1643](#)).

The current regional centers include: 1) Eastern Arizona AHEC; 2) Central Arizona AHEC; 3) Northern Arizona AHEC; 4) Southeast Arizona AHEC; and 5) Western Arizona AHEC/Regional Center for Border Health ([Arizona AHEC](#)).

Each health education center supports: 1) physician and health professional education programs consisting of an undergraduate clinical training program, a graduate program or postgraduate continuing education; 2) programs to recruit and retain minority students in health professions; and 3) health professional continuing education programs ([A.R.S. § 15-1643](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Adds a sixth area health education center focusing on the Indian health care delivery system.
2. Makes a conforming change.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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