



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1454

AZ529 savings plan; committee; membership

Purpose

Allows a member's designee to serve on AZ529, Arizona's Education Savings Plan (AZ529 Plan) Advisory Committee and requires at least one of the AZ529 Plan Advisory Committee's public members to have financial planning experience.

Background

The State Treasurer administers the AZ529 Plan to allow an individual to contribute to a savings account for a designated beneficiary's qualifying educational expenses. AZ529 Plan earnings accrue tax-free and are not subject to federal or state income taxes on withdrawals for qualified educational expenses. The AZ529 Plan Advisory Committee assists the State Treasurer and makes recommendations on AZ529 Plan promotional and informational activities, with an emphasis on increasing access to the AZ529 Plan for economically-disadvantaged, minority and underrepresented student populations ([26 U.S.C. § 529](#); A.R.S. §§ [15-1876](#) and [41-179](#); [AZ529](#))

The AZ529 Plan Advisory Committee membership includes: 1) the State Treasurer, or their designee, who serves as the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee; 2) one member who represents a community college district in a county with a population of more than 500,000 persons; 3) one member who represents a community college district in a county with a population of fewer than 500,000 persons; 4) one member a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents; 5) one member who represents an accredited private educational institution in Arizona that offers higher education degrees; 6) one member who represents an accredited private educational institution that offers private vocational training in Arizona; 7) one member who represents an accredited private school or organization that offers instruction to pupils in kindergarten or grades 1 through 12; 8) one teacher who currently provides classroom instruction in Arizona; 9) one member who represents a federally-recognized Indian tribe in Arizona; 10) one member who represents a U.S. Department of Labor-approved program; and 11) three public members who are Arizona residents, with at least one representing an Arizona 501(c)(3) nonprofit ([A.R.S. § 41-179](#)).

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

Provisions

1. Allows an AZ529 Plan Advisory Committee member's designee to serve in the member's place on the AZ529 Plan Advisory Committee.
2. Requires at least one of the AZ529 Plan Advisory Committee public members to have financial planning experience.

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3. Retains all current members of the AZ529 Plan Advisory Committee until the expiration of their terms, after which the State Treasurer is required to make all subsequent appointments.
4. Makes conforming changes.
5. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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