



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1452

provisional community colleges; tuition

Purpose

Specifies that a provisional community college district is only responsible for out-of-county tuition reimbursement for the remainder of the fiscal year in which the provisional district was formed.

Background

A community college district (district) can offer credit and noncredit courses and services outside of the district, in counties within the state that do not have an organized district (county). In this case, it is necessary for the district to enter into an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the county board of supervisors in the county where the courses will be offered. The IGA must establish a reimbursement amount payable by the county to the district for the courses and services conducted within the county.

Laws 1999, Chapter 340 authorized the formation of provisional community college districts, which are exempt from most of the formation criteria of a regular district, such as the minimum assessed valuation and population requirements. Two provisional districts currently exist: Gila Community College District and Santa Cruz County Community College District.

If a provisional community college district is formed in a county that provides reimbursement for out-of-county tuition, that county is required to continue making payments for the remainder of the fiscal year in which the provisional district was formed, provided that the county board of supervisors levies a county tax that is at least equal to the sum of the reimbursement payments due for the fiscal year immediately preceding the formation of the provisional district.

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

Provisions

1. Specifies that a provisional community college district is only responsible for out-of-county tuition reimbursement for the remainder of the fiscal year in which the provisional district was formed.
2. Repeals the current statutory requirement for the county board of supervisors in a county with a provisional community college district to levy a county tax sufficient to repay the out-of-county tuition debt.

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3. Becomes effective on the general effective date, retroactive to May 17, 2010.

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