



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1317

tribal airports; state aviation fund

Purpose

Allows monies from the State Aviation Fund to be distributed to Indian reservations.

Background

Current statute establishes the State Aviation Fund (Fund). The Fund is made up of: a) aviation fuel taxes and motor vehicle fuel taxes deposited by the Department of Transportation (ADOT); b) monies deposited as a result of the sale of an abandoned or seized aircraft; c) flight property taxes deposited by the Department of Revenue; d) registration fees, license taxes and penalties collected; and e) monies received by ADOT from the operation of airports.

Statute requires the State Treasurer to invest and divest monies in the Fund. Monies earned from investment are credited to the Fund. ADOT administers monies appropriated by the legislature from the Fund. The State Board of Transportation (Board) distributes monies from the fund for planning, design, development, acquisition of interests in land, construction and improvement of publicly owned and operated airport facilities in counties, incorporated cities and towns.

Statute defines *publicly owned and operated airport facility* as an airport and appurtenant facilities in which one or more agencies, departments or instrumentalities of this state, a city, town or county of this state holds an interest in the land on which the airport is located that is clear of any reversionary interest, lien, easement, lease or other encumbrance that might preclude or interfere with the possession, use or control of the land for public airport purposes for a minimum period of 20 years (A.R.S. § 28-8202).

Provisions

- 1) Allows Indian reservations to receive monies from the State Aviation Fund for planning, design, development, acquisition of interests in land, construction and improvement of publicly owned and operated airport facilities on land that is held by an Indian or Tribal government.
- 2) Makes conforming changes.
- 3) Becomes effective on the general effective date.