



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
Fifty-First Legislature, Second Regular Session

AMENDED
 FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2711

higher education; budget reconciliation; 2014-2015.

Purpose

Makes necessary statutory and session law changes relating to higher education to reconcile the FY 2015 state budget.

Background

The Arizona Constitution prohibits substantive law from being included in the general appropriations, capital outlay appropriations and supplemental appropriations bills. However, it is often necessary to make statutory and session law changes to effectuate the budget. Thus, separate bills called budget reconciliation bills (BRBs) are introduced to enact these provisions. Because BRBs contain substantive law changes, the Arizona Constitution provides that they become effective on the general effective date, unless an emergency clause is enacted.

Provisions

1. Funds community college district Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and Workforce Programs for FY 2015 as specified in the General Appropriation Act, which is as follows:

Community College District	Fund Source	FY 2015 Appropriation
Cochise	GF	\$1,236,700
Coconino	GF	\$426,900
Gila	GF	\$142,800
Graham	GF	\$640,500
Maricopa	GF	\$1,400,000
Mohave	GF	\$593,700
Navajo	GF	\$375,400
Pima	GF	\$600,000
Pinal	GF	\$1,009,300

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Santa Cruz	GF	\$45,400
Yavapai	GF	\$802,900
Yuma/La Paz	GF	\$882,500

2. Continues, for FY 2015, to allow the Legislature to appropriate less than a 2:1 match to student registration surcharges deposited in the Arizona Financial Aid Trust.
3. Continues to fund state aid for Joint Technical Education Districts (JTEDs) with a student count of more than 2,000 students in FY 2015 at 91 percent of the amount that would otherwise be provided by law.
4. Requires all JTEDs to adjust their respective budget limits in accordance with the appropriate funding percentage.
5. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Appropriations Committee

- Reduces funding for JTEDs with more than 2,000 students from 100 percent to 91 percent of the amount that would otherwise be provided by law.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

- Amends Senate Bill 1488 to limit any one-time FY 2015 incremental funding for school district charter schools that began initial operations during FY 2014 at the level specified in the school district charter school conversions line item for school year 2014 in the General Appropriations Act and conditionally enacts this requirement contingent upon the enactment of *Senate Bill 1488 K-12 education; budget reconciliations; 2014-2015* and *House Bill 2703 2014-2015; general appropriations*.

House Action

APPROP 3/24/14 DP 6-5-0-0-0-0
3rd Read 3/27/14 35-25-0-0-0

Senate Action

APPROP 3/31/14 DPA 6-3-0-0-0
3rd Read 4/1/14 16-14-0-0

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