

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2072  
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Arizona mental health professionals academy pilot  
3 program; tuition and fees scholarships; fund;  
4 report; definitions; delayed repeal

5 A. Northern Arizona university shall implement a three-year Arizona  
6 mental health professionals academy pilot program to provide incentives for  
7 students to enter the mental health profession and to commit to working as  
8 a mental health professional in Arizona public schools or in a correctional  
9 facility operated by the state department of corrections or the department  
10 of juvenile corrections. Northern Arizona university shall develop and  
11 implement administrative processes for the academy, including:

- 12 1. A marketing and promotion plan to recruit students for the  
13 academy.  
14 2. Data collection and reporting.  
15 3. Tracking postgraduation service requirements.  
16 4. Collecting reimbursement from individuals who fail to meet  
17 service obligations.

18 B. The Arizona mental health professionals academy may include new  
19 or existing mental health professional preparation program pathways that  
20 are student-focused and that employ proven, research-based models of best  
21 practices already being implemented. Northern Arizona university may  
22 develop a portfolio of mental health professional preparation programs to  
23 offer as part of the academy.

24 C. Northern Arizona university shall develop formalized partnerships  
25 with the state department of corrections, the department of juvenile  
26 corrections and public schools in this state to build commitments for  
27 mental health professional employment on completion of the Arizona mental

1 health professionals academy. The targeted deployment of mental health  
2 professionals who have completed the academy shall be based on the needs of  
3 the state department of corrections, the department of juvenile corrections  
4 and each school system and the community that is being served as well as  
5 the individual skills of each mental health professional.

6 D. Northern Arizona university shall provide to each full-time  
7 master's student who is enrolled in the Arizona mental health professionals  
8 academy an annual scholarship of \$10,000 per year for a maximum of three  
9 academic years or six semesters for master's university students, after all  
10 other financial gifts, aid or grants received by that student.  
11 Scholarships under this subsection are subject to all of the following:

12 1. If the student does not successfully complete the academic year  
13 in good academic standing, the student shall reimburse northern Arizona  
14 university for the total amount of the scholarship for tuition and fees the  
15 student received for that year.

16 2. For each academic year that the student successfully completes  
17 and for which the student receives a scholarship for all tuition and fees,  
18 the student must agree to work as a mental health professional for one full  
19 school year in a correctional facility operated by the state department of  
20 corrections or the department of juvenile corrections or in a public school  
21 in this state.

22 3. If the scholarship does not cover remaining tuition and fee costs  
23 after other aid received, northern Arizona university may not charge  
24 students the remaining difference. If the scholarship amount exceeds  
25 tuition and fee costs at northern Arizona university, northern Arizona  
26 university may use the remaining amount to support Arizona mental health  
27 professionals academy costs.

28 4. If the student does not fulfill the student's obligation to work  
29 as a mental health professional in a correctional facility operated by the  
30 state department of corrections or the department of juvenile corrections  
31 or in a public school, the student must reimburse northern Arizona  
32 university for the proportional amount of the scholarship for tuition and  
33 fees that the student received that corresponds to the number of years the

1 student agreed to work as a mental health professional but did not work as  
2 a mental health professional in a correctional facility operated by the  
3 state department of corrections or the department of juvenile corrections  
4 or in a public school in this state.

5 5. If the student is physically or mentally unable to fulfill the  
6 requirements of the Arizona mental health professionals academy, northern  
7 Arizona university shall establish a process for assessing the student's  
8 ability to repay the financial assistance received and shall determine any  
9 terms of repayment.

10 6. Northern Arizona university shall establish a process for  
11 deferring service or repayment based on factors adopted by northern Arizona  
12 university.

13 E. Scholarships provided under this section are limited to master's  
14 students.

15 F. The Arizona mental health professionals academy fund is  
16 established consisting of legislative appropriations made for the purpose  
17 of administering and funding the Arizona mental health professionals  
18 academy. Monies in the fund are continuously appropriated and are exempt  
19 from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of  
20 appropriations. Northern Arizona university shall administer the fund.  
21 Monies in the fund may be used only for:

22 1. Reimbursing scholarships that cover the balance of tuition and  
23 fees for master's students enrolled in the Arizona mental health  
24 professionals academy after all other gifts and aid received.

25 2. Implementing a marketing and promotion plan to recruit and retain  
26 students in and administer the Arizona mental health professionals academy.  
27 Annual expenditures for marketing, promoting and administering the academy  
28 may not exceed three percent of the monies in the fund each fiscal year.

29 G. Monies remaining in the Arizona mental health professionals  
30 academy fund at the end of each fiscal year may be used by northern Arizona  
31 university for Arizona mental health professionals academy costs in the  
32 next fiscal year.

1           H. On or before March 1 of 2021, 2022 and 2023, northern Arizona  
2 university shall report to the joint legislative budget committee and the  
3 governor's office of strategic planning and budgeting on both of the  
4 following:

5           1. The total number of students enrolled in the Arizona mental  
6 health professionals academy in the current academic year.

7           2. The estimated amount of monies committed from the Arizona mental  
8 health professionals academy fund in the current fiscal year.

9           I. On or before September 1 of 2021, 2022 and 2023, northern Arizona  
10 university shall report to the governor, the president of the senate and  
11 the speaker of the house of representatives, and shall submit a copy to the  
12 secretary of state, on all of the following:

13           1. The total number of students enrolled in the Arizona mental  
14 health professionals academy by year of college enrollment.

15           2. The percentage of students who completed each year of the Arizona  
16 mental health professionals academy and who plan to continue to the  
17 subsequent year, delineated by each mental health professional preparation  
18 program offered as part of the academy.

19           3. The number of mental health professionals who completed a program  
20 of study through the Arizona mental health professionals academy.

21           4. The number of mental health professionals currently working in a  
22 correctional facility operated by the state department of corrections or  
23 the department of juvenile corrections or in a public school in this state  
24 as part of an agreement for receiving an Arizona mental health  
25 professionals academy scholarship.

26           5. The number of students who have defaulted on their obligation and  
27 who are in repayment agreements.

28           6. The number of students who have deferred repayment agreements.

29           7. The number of students who have completed repayment agreements.

30           8. The amount of unused monies in the Arizona mental health  
31 professionals academy fund from the prior fiscal year.

32           J. For the purposes of this section:

