



STATE OF ARIZONA  
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DOUGLAS A. DUCEY  
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

May 2, 2017

The Honorable Michele Reagan  
Secretary of State  
1700 W. Washington, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Secretary Reagan:

I am transmitting to you the following bills from the Fifty-third Legislature, 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session, which I signed on May 2, 2017:

- HB 2388 - private postsecondary education grants (Boyer)
- SB 1040 - Arizona teachers; student loan program (S. Allen)
- SB 1042 - teacher certification; reciprocity (S. Allen)
- SB 1405 - schools; elections; ballot arguments; exclusion (Lesko)

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Ducey  
Governor  
State of Arizona

cc: Senate Secretary  
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives  
Arizona News Service

Senate Engrossed House Bill

**FILED**

**MICHELE REAGAN**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Fifty-third Legislature  
First Regular Session  
2017

**CHAPTER 243**  
**HOUSE BILL 2388**

AN ACT

REPEALING SECTION 15-1855, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 15-1855; RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Repeal

3 Section 15-1855, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

4 Sec. 2. Title 15, chapter 14, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
5 is amended by adding a new section 15-1855, to read:

6 15-1855. Private postsecondary education grant program; fund;  
7 program termination

8 A. THE COMMISSION FOR POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND  
9 ADMINISTER A PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM.

10 B. GRANTS ISSUED UNDER THE PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAM  
11 ARE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AND MAY BE USED TO PAY FOR ANY OF  
12 THE FOLLOWING:

13 1. TUITION CHARGED AT A SCHOOL THAT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

14 2. THE COST OF BOOKS REQUIRED FOR CLASSES AT A SCHOOL THAT  
15 QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

16 3. FEES CHARGED AT A SCHOOL THAT QUALIFIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

17 C. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, A STUDENT  
18 APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE PROOF THAT THE STUDENT HAS MET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING  
19 CRITERIA:

20 1. EITHER:

21 (a) IS CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE AND HAS BEEN A RESIDENT  
22 OF THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS.

23 (b) IS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND IS  
24 STATIONED IN THIS STATE OR IS THE SPOUSE OR A DEPENDENT OF A MEMBER OF THE  
25 MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES WHO IS STATIONED IN THIS STATE.

26 2. REGISTERS FOR ENROLLMENT AS A STUDENT IN A CERTIFICATED OR  
27 DEGREED SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING OR MATH FIELD, OR A RELATED  
28 FIELD, AS DEFINED BY THE COMMISSION IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNOR'S  
29 WORKFORCE COUNCIL, OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND OTHER ECONOMIC AND  
30 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN EITHER:

31 (a) A BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM AT A NATIONALLY OR REGIONALLY  
32 ACCREDITED PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN THIS STATE.

33 (b) A CERTIFICATE PROGRAM AT A NATIONALLY OR REGIONALLY ACCREDITED  
34 PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION IN THIS STATE THAT AWARDS  
35 ASSOCIATE DEGREES.

36 3. PROVIDES EITHER PROOF OF SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING ONE ACADEMIC  
37 YEAR OF COLLEGE-LEVEL ACADEMIC COURSEWORK OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

38 (a) A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT THAT DEMONSTRATES PROOF OF GRADUATION  
39 FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE. IF HIGH SCHOOL  
40 RECORDS NO LONGER EXIST FOR THE STUDENT OR IF EVERY REASONABLE EFFORT HAS  
41 BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL RECORDS, THE STUDENT MAY SUBMIT A LETTER  
42 CERTIFIED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH THE STUDENT GRADUATED OR THE  
43 ORIGINAL HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

1 (b) A HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT THAT DEMONSTRATES PROOF THAT THE  
2 STUDENT MEETS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

3 (i) FOR A STUDENT ENROLLING IN A BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM, A MINIMUM  
4 GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.5 ON A 4.0 SCALE, OR THE EQUIVALENT.

5 (ii) FOR A STUDENT ENROLLING IN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, A  
6 MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 2.75 ON A 4.0 SCALE, OR THE EQUIVALENT.

7 4. FOR STUDENTS ENROLLING IN AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM, SUBMITS A  
8 LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE STUDENT'S VOCATIONAL COUNSELOR, CURRENT OR  
9 FORMER TEACHERS, OR CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYERS.

10 5. COMPLETES AND SUBMITS A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID  
11 AND MEETS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE FEDERAL PELL GRANT.

12 6. PROVIDES PROOF THAT THE ENROLLING INSTITUTION OR AFFILIATED  
13 ENTITY, SUCH AS A FOUNDATION OR AN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, HAS AWARDED THE  
14 STUDENT APPLICANT A MATCHING GRANT OR SCHOLARSHIP, OR BOTH.

15 D. A STUDENT ATTENDING A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM WHO FAILS TO RECEIVE A  
16 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE WITHIN THE SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD AFTER THE RECEIPT OF A  
17 GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION OR A STUDENT ATTENDING A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM  
18 WHO FAILS TO RECEIVE AN ASSOCIATE DEGREE WITHIN THE FOUR-YEAR PERIOD AFTER  
19 THE RECEIPT OF A GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL REIMBURSE THE  
20 PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT FUND FOR ALL GRANT MONIES RECEIVED  
21 UNDER THIS SECTION. ON RECEIPT OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FROM THE  
22 STUDENT AND FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, THE COMMISSION MAY PROVIDE EXTENSIONS  
23 BEYOND THE FOUR-YEAR AND SEVEN-YEAR PERIODS PRESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

24 E. IF THE GRANT REVENUES ARE NOT EXHAUSTED IN A GRANT CYCLE FOR  
25 STUDENTS IN THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING OR MATH FIELDS, OR  
26 RELATED FIELDS, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY  
27 DISTRIBUTE GRANTS TO STUDENTS ENROLLED IN OTHER CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE  
28 PROGRAMS.

29 F. IF THE COMMISSION IS NOTIFIED BY A SCHOOL THAT A STUDENT WHO  
30 RECEIVED A PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION  
31 IS NO LONGER IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING AT THE SCHOOL, THE COMMISSION SHALL  
32 IMMEDIATELY DISCONTINUE THE GRANT AND THE STUDENT SHALL REIMBURSE THE  
33 PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT FUND FOR ANY UNUSED PORTION OR ANY  
34 UNLAWFULLY USED PORTION OF THE GRANT MONIES RECEIVED.

35 G. THE PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT FUND IS ESTABLISHED  
36 CONSISTING OF LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS AND GRANTS, GIFTS, DEVISES AND  
37 DONATIONS FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCE. THE COMMISSION SHALL  
38 ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED AND  
39 ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF  
40 APPROPRIATIONS. THE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE AWARDS FOR PAYMENT OF TUITION  
41 AT SCHOOLS THAT QUALIFY UNDER THIS SECTION TO STUDENTS WHO ARE SELECTED TO  
42 RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION.

43 H. THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ENDS ON JULY 1,  
44 2027 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-3102.

**APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 2, 2017.**

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 2, 2017.**

Passed the House February 21, 20 17

Passed the Senate April 19, 2017

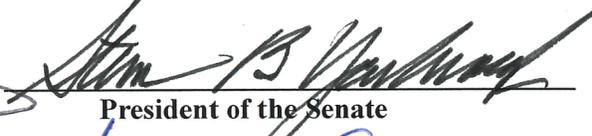
by the following vote: 46 Ayes,

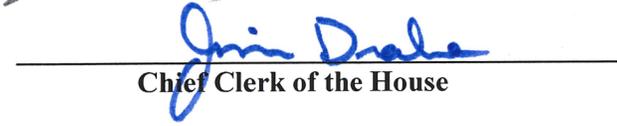
by the following vote: 26 Ayes,

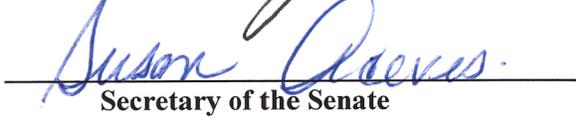
12 Nays, 2 Not Voting

0 Nays, 4 Not Voting

  
Speaker of the House  
 Pro Tempore

  
President of the Senate

  
Chief Clerk of the House

  
Secretary of the Senate

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR**

This Bill received by the Governor this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor of Arizona

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This Bill received by the Secretary of State

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at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of State

H.B. 2388

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE  
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

\_\_\_\_\_ April 26 \_\_\_\_\_, 20 17,

by the following vote: \_\_\_\_\_ 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Ayes,

\_\_\_\_\_ 23 \_\_\_\_\_ Nays, \_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Not Voting

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

\_\_\_\_\_ 26th \_\_\_\_\_ day of April \_\_\_\_\_, 20 17,

at \_\_\_\_\_ 11:56 \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ A . M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_ May \_\_\_\_\_, 20 17,

at \_\_\_\_\_ 9:03 \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor of Arizona

H.B. 2388

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
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This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ day of May \_\_\_\_\_, 20 17,

at \_\_\_\_\_ 9:35 \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State