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**CHAPTER 302  
HOUSE BILL 2457**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 15-249.07; RELATING TO RURAL STEM PROGRAM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)



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

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 2, article 2, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-249.07, to read:

4 15-249.07. Rural STEM program fund; definition

5 A. THE RURAL STEM PROGRAM FUND IS ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSES OF  
6 SUPPORTING SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH PROGRAMS IN RURAL  
7 SCHOOLS. THE FUND CONSISTS OF MONIES APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE AND  
8 GRANTS, GIFTS, DEVICES AND DONATIONS FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE  
9 SOURCE. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES  
10 OF THIS SECTION. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF  
11 SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF APPROPRIATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
12 EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND AND MAY USE NOT MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT  
13 OF THE MONIES DEPOSITED IN THE FUND IN A FISCAL YEAR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE  
14 PURPOSES UNDER THIS SECTION. ON NOTICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, THE STATE  
15 TREASURER SHALL INVEST AND DIVEST MONIES IN THE FUND AS PROVIDED BY  
16 SECTION 35-313, AND MONIES EARNED FROM INVESTMENT SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE  
17 FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE SUBJECT TO STATE AUDITING PROCEDURES.

18 B. SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
19 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR RURAL SCHOOLS TO  
20 APPLY FOR GRANTS FROM THE RURAL STEM PROGRAM FUND. A RURAL SCHOOL APPLYING  
21 FOR A GRANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE HOW THE RURAL SCHOOL PLANS TO USE MONIES  
22 FROM THE FUND AND WHAT OUTCOMES THE RURAL SCHOOL PLANS TO ACHIEVE WITH  
23 STUDENTS. A RURAL SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES FUNDING MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT THE  
24 SCHOOL'S STEM PROGRAM MEETS THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR SCIENCE,  
25 TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS AS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF  
26 EDUCATION.

27 C. ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 OF EACH YEAR, A RURAL SCHOOL THAT RECEIVES  
28 MONIES FROM THE RURAL STEM PROGRAM FUND SHALL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF  
29 EDUCATION WITH UPDATES ON OUTCOMES ACHIEVED WITH STUDENTS AND HOW MONIES  
30 FROM THE FUND WERE SPENT. ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15 OF EACH YEAR, THE  
31 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE  
32 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE GOVERNOR ON THE AMOUNT OF  
33 GRANTS MADE FROM THE RURAL STEM PROGRAM FUND, OUTCOMES ACHIEVED WITH  
34 STUDENTS STATEWIDE AND HOW PROGRAM MONIES WERE EXPENDED.

35 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "RURAL SCHOOL" MEANS A CHARTER  
36 SCHOOL OR A SCHOOL WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT HAS A STUDENT COUNT OF  
37 THREE HUNDRED OR LESS AND THAT MEETS EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

38 (a) IS LOCATED IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF LESS THAN FOUR  
39 HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS.

40 (b) IS LOCATED IN A CENSUS COUNTY DIVISION WITH LESS THAN FIFTY  
41 THOUSAND PERSONS IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF AT LEAST FOUR HUNDRED  
42 THOUSAND PERSONS.

**APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 11, 2017.**

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY 11, 2017.**



HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE  
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

\_\_\_\_\_ May 8 , 20 17 ,

by the following vote: 50 Ayes,

10 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

[Signature]  
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

8<sup>th</sup> day of May , 20 17 ,

at 3:37 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 11<sup>th</sup> day of

May , 20 17 ;

at 9:16 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]  
Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 11 day of May , 20 17 ,

at 3:17 o'clock P. M.

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Secretary of State