



### **HB 2117 – teachers academy; service requirement (Bolick)**

Under current law, the Arizona Teachers Academy awards scholarships to undergraduate students who wish to enter the teaching profession. In exchange for each year a student receives waived tuition and fees, the student must agree to teach for one year in an Arizona public school.

#### **Provisions:**

- Allows an undergraduate student enrolled in the Arizona Teachers Academy to begin fulfilling their service requirement before graduating.
- Specifies that a student can meet this requirement through volunteer or paid work in a school, including serving as a tutor, assistant teacher, or a student-learning focused position.
- Clarifies that student teaching does not count towards the service requirement.
- Prohibits a student from beginning to fulfill the service requirement until they complete at least one year of the program in good academic standing.