



SB 1174 appropriation; STEM internships (Bowie)

Provisions

- Appropriates \$2M in FY222 from the state general fund to the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) to match the monies distributed by educational stipends for high school, college, and university students and grades one through twelve in Arizona who participate in a STEM internship
- Allocates monies in the following manner:
 - 55% for high school, undergraduate college, or university students, with preference to high school students in rural and Title I schools
 - 20% for stipends of K-12 teachers
 - 20% for stipends of graduate-level college and university students
 - 5% for administration and outreach costs generated by the ACA in implementing these regulations
- Allows the ACA to implement guidelines and procedures for awarding stipends and a student evaluation form adhering to these criteria:
 - The student or teacher must be sponsored by a business in this state to participate in a STEM internship at the business
 - The business agrees to sponsor an additional student at their own expense if the authority awards a sponsored student or teacher with a stipend
 - The business sponsored STEM internship demonstrates subject-related assignments with clear outcomes and expectations aligning with industry needs
 - Requires the business to provide a student performance evaluation
- Requires the stipend be awarded as follows
 - Up to \$4,000 for a high school, undergraduate college, or university student
 - Up to \$6,000 for a K-12 teacher
 - Up to \$7,000 for a graduate level college or university student
- Allows an additional \$5,000 to be awarded if the STEM internship results in industry certification
- Requires ACA to establish a website where individuals and businesses may apply to receive a stipend and where STEM internships may be posted
- Requires the ACA to submit a report to the governor, President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives containing:
 - The number of total stipends awarded
 - The total and average awards by recipient category
 - The number of STEM internships that resulted in industry certification or employment
 - The number of STEM internships posted on the website
- Repeals this program after December 31, 2022
- Defines “STEM” as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics