

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.B. 2919
(Reference to printed bill)

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1 The bill as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

2 Section 1. Section 35-121, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 35-121. Format of appropriations: basic state aid; additional
5 state aid

6 A. The format of the appropriations for the support and maintenance
7 of state departments and institutions shall be for each fiscal year for
8 all budget units.

9 B. THE FORMAT OF THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE
10 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
11 INSTRUCTION FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR SHALL RECOGNIZE THE BASIC STATE AID AND
12 ADDITIONAL STATE AID ENTITLEMENT PAID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE SAME
13 FISCAL YEAR AS THE FISCAL YEAR THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS BUDGET CAPACITY
14 RECOGNIZES THE STATE AID.

15 Sec. 2. Section 35-125, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
16 read:

17 35-125. Revenue and expenditure estimates: three-year plan;
18 balanced budget; public hearing

19 A. THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT MUST BE BALANCED FOR EACH FISCAL
20 YEAR. THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT IS BALANCED FOR A FISCAL YEAR IF THE
21 UNRESERVED GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE, TOGETHER WITH THE GENERAL FUND
22 REVENUE ESTIMATE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR, IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE
23 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE ESTIMATE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR.

24 B. The general appropriation act shall include a provision that
25 delineates the revenue and expenditure estimates for the following three
26 years. The expenditure estimates shall be based on existing statutory
27 funding requirements. THE EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES MUST BE BALANCED FOR EACH
28 FISCAL YEAR. THE ESTIMATES ARE BALANCED FOR A FISCAL YEAR IF THE

1 UNRESERVED GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE, TOGETHER WITH THE GENERAL FUND
2 REVENUE ESTIMATE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR, IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE
3 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE ESTIMATE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR.

4 C. THE EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES MUST RECOGNIZE ANY SPENDING AUTHORIZED
5 IN THE BUDGET YEAR THAT WAS ALSO AUTHORIZED IN THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR AS
6 ONGOING SPENDING FOR THE PURPOSES OF CALCULATING THE STRUCTURAL BALANCE OF
7 THE FISCAL YEAR.

8 D. Before the adoption of the general appropriation act, the
9 legislature shall discuss the estimates in a public hearing.

10 <<Sec. 3. Appropriation; reduction; school districts; ending
11 cash balances; basic state aid; additional state
12 aid

13 [A. The amount owed to each school district in fiscal year
14 2025-2026 for basic state aid and additional state aid entitlements
15 pursuant to Laws 2024, chapter 209, section 143, subsection B is reduced
16 by the school district's total ending cash balances as of June 30, 2024
17 from the school district's maintenance and operations fund or unrestricted
18 capital outlay fund reported in the school district's annual financial
19 report for fiscal year 2023-2024 pursuant to section 15-904, Arizona
20 Revised Statutes, that was not included in the school district's adopted
21 budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 pursuant to section 15-905, Arizona
22 Revised Statutes.

23 B. Notwithstanding any other law, for fiscal year 2025-2026, the
24 governing board of a school district may use any portion of the school
25 district's total ending cash balances as of June 30, 2024 from the school
26 district's maintenance and operations fund or unrestricted capital outlay
27 fund reported in the school district's annual financial report for fiscal
28 year 2023-2024 pursuant to section 15-904, Arizona Revised Statutes, that
29 was not included in the school district's adopted budget for fiscal year
30 2024-2025 pursuant to section 15-905, Arizona Revised Statutes, to replace
31 any revenue resulting from the reduction required by subsection A of this
32 section.]>>

33 Enroll and engross to conform

34 Amend title to conform

And, as so amended, it do pass

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