



HB 2785 appropriations; DPS; school safety program (Payne)

- Renames the Public Safety Inoperability Fund to the Arizona School Safety Fund (“Fund”) and clarifies that money in the fund may only be used for school safety programs
- Appropriates from the general fund to the School Safety Fund:
 - \$1.5M in FY21
 - \$3M in FY22
 - \$3M in FY23
- Appropriates \$3M in FY21, FY22, and FY23 from the Fund to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to establish a school safety program that:
 - Enables the statewide deployment of a secure, multimedia data communications system to a user base of public safety agencies and K-12 public and private schools
 - Provides a communications solution that allows for identifying users’ identity, location, and operational status during an emergency
 - Secure text messaging and file sharing, sharing of maps, building floor plans, and images between schools and public safety officials
 - Integrates a panic alarm that establishes direct contact between schools and public safety officials
 - Encrypts all media communications and ensures student and staff privacy