



### **SB 1454 schools; incentive program; dual enrollment (Navarrete)**

This bill alters the college credit by examination incentive program to include bonuses for teachers, school districts, and charter schools for students who complete a dual enrollment course with a passing grade.

- Requires each community college district governing board to maintain a list of dual enrollment courses that a high school student may take in order to receive college credit and the grade required to earn credit
- Requires community college district governing boards to provide this list prior to September 1 of each year to the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC)
- Directs ADE to pay an incentive bonus to school districts and charter schools for each student in grades 9-12 who completes a dual enrollment course with a passing grade, in addition to each student who receives a passing score on a qualifying exam
- Specifies the incentive bonus amount for a school district or charter school provided for each student's passing grade in a dual enrollment course as follows:
  - \$450 for a student in a school with at least 50% of the students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches
  - \$300 for a student in a school with less than 50% of the students eligible for free or reduced-price lunches
  - States that if the statewide sum of per student bonuses awarded exceeds the amount of available funds appropriated for incentive bonuses, the bonus money shall be reduced proportionally to cover all eligible bonus awards
  - Applies the existing distribution requirements for the incentive program to bonuses earned for passing a dual enrollment course
- Requires ADE to annually report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, the Secretary of State, and JLBC the following information:
  - The number of students who completed a dual enrollment course
  - The number of students who completed a dual enrollment course with a passing grade
  - The number and types of dual enrollment courses