

MEMO

TO: Senator David M. Gowan, JLBC Chair

Representative Regina E. Cobb, JLBC Vice Chair

FROM: Sheryl Hart

Deputy Associate Superintendent, Adult Education Services

DATE: June 24, 2022

RE: A.R.S. 15-232 Semiannual Report to the Arizona Legislature from

ADE/Adult Education Services

In compliance with Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) 15-232 B, at the time of enrollment in Arizona Adult Education ALL students must provide documentation of legal residency in the United States. Arizona Department of Education (ADE) staff track enrollment data throughout the year and monitor student enrollment records annually to support the issuance of this Semiannual Report to the Arizona Legislature as required under A.R.S. 15-232 C.

Of the 6,886 people who applied for instruction in Arizona Adult Education during the January – June 2022 reporting period, 5,072 people (74%) were placed in classes, 1,683 people (24%) were waitlisted for classes, and 131 people (2%) were determined to be ineligible and denied access to instruction because they failed to provide acceptable evidence of citizenship or legal residence in the United States as required under A.R.S. 15-232 B.

The following table provides current and historical state totals for the number of people who are waitlisted for classes, who applied for classes, and who were denied enrollment in accordance with ARS 15-232 B in each Adult Education Service area.

Arizona Adult Education ARS 15-232 Compliance Report COMPARISON

| ARS 15-232 | | Waitlist | Waitlist | Waitlist | ARS 15-232 | ARS 15-232 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| Report Date | | ABE/ASE* | ELAA** | TOTAL | Applicants | Service Denials |
| June | 2022 | 828 | 855 | 1,683 | 6,886 | 131 |
| December | 2021 | 815 | 1,012 | 1,827 | 7,093 | 90 |
| June | 2021 | 829 | 427 | 1,256 | 5,245 | 143 |
| December | 2020 | 840 | 274 | 1,114 | 3,963 | 50 |
| June | 2020 | 1,150 | 824 | 1,974 | 5,321 | 159 |
| Note: 2020 numbers reflect the disruption to services due to the COVID-19 pandemic | | | | | | |
| December | 2019 | 1,413 | 922 | 2,335 | 8,047 | 317 |
| June | 2019 | 1,582 | 1,346 | 2,955 | 8,130 | 279 |
| December | 2018 | 1,962 | 1,632 | 3,661 | 10,209 | 405 |
| June | 2018 | 1,581 | 1,858 | 3,504 | 9,479 | 498 |

^{*}ABE: Adult Basic Education (Reading, Writing, Math through 8th Grade)

^{*} ASE: <u>Adult Secondary Education</u> (Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies: grades 9-12)

^{**} ELAA: English Language Acquisition for Adults