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HB 2586

border warning; dissemination

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OVERVIEW

HB 2586 requires the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (Department) to monitor and disseminate information considered to be a warning about dangerous conditions within the Arizona-Mexico border area to the public.

HISTORY

Laws 2006, Chapter 317 established the Department to enhance the ability of the state to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism and other critical hazards in Arizona. Additionally, the Department must develop a statewide homeland security strategy and conduct preparedness training exercises to put disaster plans into practice and identify any flaws in the plans.

Laws 2006, Chapter 317, additionally established five Regional Advisory Councils (RACs). The RACs are required to do the following: a) develop, implement, and maintain regional homeland security strategies; b) assist in implementation of the state's comprehensive statewide risk assessment; c) support an integrated regional approach to homeland security in Arizona; d) establish baseline prevention and response capabilities through anchor cities; e) collaborate with other RACs and organizations to ensure successful integration of homeland security programs; f) provide a list of recommendations for state homeland security grant program monies to the director; and g) recommend the allocation of grant program monies to eligible jurisdictions and other organizations.

PROVISIONS

- Mandates the director of the Department to monitor information from any international, federal, or state source for information containing warnings about dangerous conditions regarding illegal immigration activities within the Arizona-Mexico border area.
- Allows the director of the Department to use discretion when determining if it is necessary to disseminate the information determined to be such a warning in a manner that will immediately warn the public, such as email or through a social network maintained by the Department.
- States the director of the Department is not liable for failing to disseminate the information or for any damages or losses resulting from disseminating information.
- Defines *Arizona-Mexico border area* as the geographic area in this state that is within 62 miles of the Arizona-Mexico border line and in Mexico within 6 miles of the Arizona-Mexico border line.