



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1226

department of homeland security; continuation

Purpose

Continues the Arizona Department of Homeland Security (AZDOHS) for eight years.

Background

AZDOHS enhances the state's ability to deter and mitigate acts of terrorism and other critical hazards by developing a statewide security strategy, receiving and distributing all federal homeland security awards, coordinating with other state and federal agencies to avoid duplication of awards and eliminate security gaps, establishing preparedness efforts, conducting preparedness training exercises and assisting in the development of regional response plans. AZDOHS also serves as an advisory agency to the Governor on homeland security issues.

AZDOHS is not funded by the state General Fund but receives grants from the federal government, of which five percent may be used for administrative costs. According to AZDOHS, since 2006 the department has managed over \$314 million in federal homeland security grants awarded to over 2,500 local, state, tribal and non-profit projects. According to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, in FY 2015 AZDOHS received almost \$24.5 million from the federal government and is expected to receive over \$25.4 million in FY 2016.

Provisions

1. Continues, retroactive to July 1, 2016, AZDOHS until July 1, 2024.
2. Repeals AZDOHS on January 1, 2025.
3. Contains a purpose statement.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date, with a retroactive provision as noted.

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