

REFERENCE TITLE: rental assistance study committee

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Introduced by
Representative Hernandez A

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON RENTAL ASSISTANCE.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Study committee on rental assistance; membership;
3 duties; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The study committee on rental assistance is established
5 consisting of the following members:

6 1. One member of the public who is a renter in this state and who
7 is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

8 2. One member who is a rental housing developer in this state and
9 who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

10 3. One member of the public who is a licensed real estate broker
11 and member of a statewide real estate organization and who is appointed by
12 the president of the senate.

13 4. Two members who represent statewide tenant advocacy or housing
14 organizations and who are appointed by the governor.

15 5. Two members who represent rental property owners and managers
16 and who are appointed by the president of the senate. One member must
17 represent multifamily properties and one member must represent mobile home
18 parks.

19 6. The director of the department of economic security or the
20 director's designee.

21 7. The director of the Arizona department of housing or the
22 director's designee.

23 8. One republican member who is appointed by the majority leader of
24 the house of representatives.

25 9. One democratic member who is appointed by the minority leader of
26 the house of representatives.

27 10. Two members who represent local governments in this state and
28 who are appointed on the recommendation of the executive director of a
29 statewide organization that represents cities and towns in this state, one
30 representing urban areas in this state, appointed by the speaker of the
31 house of representatives and one representing rural areas in this state,
32 appointed by the president of the senate.

33 B. The study committee shall:

34 1. Meet quarterly or more frequently as the study committee deems
35 necessary.

36 2. Identify existing rental assistance programs operating in this
37 state, including programs funded by federal, state and local sources.

38 3. Review eligibility criteria, administrative structures and
39 reporting practices of rental assistance programs in this state.

40 4. Examine coordination among state agencies, political
41 subdivisions and nonprofit organizations administering rental assistance.

42 5. Solicit input and testimony from stakeholders regarding rental
43 assistance programs in this state.

44 6. Develop findings and recommendations regarding the effectiveness
45 of rental assistance programs in this state.

- 1 7. On or before December 31, 2027, submit a report of the
- 2 committee's findings and recommendations to the governor, the president of
- 3 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and provide a
- 4 copy of this report to the secretary of the state.
- 5 C. Committee members are not eligible to receive compensation.
- 6 D. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2028.