

# Joint Legislative Committee on Border and Homeland Security

**PURPOSE:** To provide a forum for persons to express their concerns about state programs that relate to border and homeland security and make administrative and legislative recommendations concerning border and homeland security issues. The Committee shall have access to all homeland security grant information on request of the Chair of the Committee or a majority vote of the Committee. The Committee shall prepare an annual written report on its work, findings and recommendations and submit the report electronically to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before December 31 of each year and provide a copy of this report to the Secretary of State.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

House Five members of the House of Representatives, not more than three from the same political party and one designated as Co-Chair, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

**Vacant z-10 House**

Senate Five members of the Senate, not more than three from the same political party and one designated as Co-Chair, appointed by the President of the Senate:

**Judy Burges, Gail Griffin, Robert Meza, Steve Smith (Co-Chair), Vacant Z-2 Senate**

Notes: The President and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint a Co-Chair of the Committee. The Committee shall meet on the call of the Co-Chairs, but not more than ten times each year unless the President and the Speaker agree to additional meetings. Members should have an interest in and a familiarity with issues and programs concerning homeland security. The Committee shall meet at least annually to review grant allocations and expenditures as reported by the Governor's office of Homeland Security. The Committee has the authority conferred by law on legislative committees. Notwithstanding any other law, the Committee may vote to go into executive session to take testimony or evidence that it considers to be sensitive or confidential in nature and that, if released, could compromise the security or safety of law enforcement or military personnel or a law enforcement or National Guard law enforcement support operation.

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