Study Committee on Inmate Mental Health

PURPOSE: 1. Examine ways to improve the screening process for individuals arrested and taken to jail or prison.
2. Study and recommend ways to improve access to adequate mental health screenings for individuals in jail or prison.
3. Study and improve screenings for mental health risks, including dangers to the individual and others, for individuals who are in jail or prison.

MEMBERSHIP:

House — Two members of the House of Representatives from different political parties, appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom the Speaker designates as cochair of the committee.
Vacant (Co-Chair), Vacant

Senate — Two members of the Senate from different political parties, appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom the President designates as Co-Chair of the committee:
Vacant (Co-Chair), Vacant

Other — Director ADCRR or the director's designee.
Mr. Ryan Thornell, Director, Department of Corrections

Director of the AHCCCS or the designee.
Ms. Roberta Harrison, Director, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

One member who is a prosecutor with a city, town or county or this state and who prosecutes defendants with mental illness, appointed by the Speaker.
Vacant

One member who is an attorney with experience representing mentally ill defendants who are in jail or who are sentenced to prison, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Vacant

One member who is employed by a special health care district, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Vacant

One member who represents a law enforcement agency from a county with a population of less than one million persons, appointed by the Speaker.
Vacant

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One member who represents a law enforcement agency from a county with a population of one million persons or more, appointed by the President of the Senate:
Vacant

One member who represents the regional behavioral health authority, appointed by the Speaker.
Vacant

One member with a family member who is currently in jail or prison and who has a mental health diagnosis, appointed by the Speaker.
Vacant

Notes: Must meet at least annually at a date and time determined by the Study Committee.

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