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Introduced by
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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Public safety and violence prevention study
3 committee; membership; duties; report; delayed
4 repeal

5 A. The public safety and violence prevention study committee is
6 established consisting of the following members:

7 1. Three members of the house of representatives, two of whom are
8 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and one of whom
9 is appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives. The
10 minority leader of the house of representatives shall designate one of
11 these members to serve as cochairperson of the committee.

12 2. Three members of the senate, two of whom are appointed by the
13 president of the senate and one of whom is appointed by the minority
14 leader of the senate. The president of the senate shall designate one of
15 these members to serve as cochairperson of the committee.

16 3. One member who represents a law enforcement association and who
17 is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

18 4. One sheriff or the sheriff's designee who is from a county with
19 a population of nine hundred thousand persons or more and who is appointed
20 by the president of the senate.

21 5. One police chief or the police chief's designee who is employed
22 by a city with a population of five hundred thousand persons or more and
23 who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

24 6. One member who represents a network media outlet that operates
25 in this state and who is appointed by the president of the senate.

26 7. One member who represents a group that advocates for gun owner
27 rights and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of
28 representatives.

29 8. One member who represents a group that advocates for gun
30 violence prevention and who is appointed by the minority leader of the
31 senate.

32 9. One mental health provider who represents a regional behavioral
33 health authority and who is appointed by the speaker of the house of
34 representatives.

35 10. One mental health provider who has direct experience in acute
36 mental health disorders and who is appointed by the president of the
37 senate.

38 B. The study committee shall:

39 1. Research and report on how to promote public safety and curtail
40 violence.

41 2. Hold hearings, conduct fact-finding tours and take testimony
42 from witnesses, including participants in the gun industry, mental health
43 field and criminal justice system, who may assist the committee in
44 fulfilling its responsibilities.

1 C. The study committee may request information, data and reports
2 from any state agency or political subdivision of this state. If
3 possible, information shall be provided electronically.

4 D. On the request of the study committee, an agency of this state
5 shall provide to the committee its services, equipment, documents,
6 personnel and facilities to the extent possible without cost to the
7 committee.

8 E. The legislature shall provide staff and support services to the
9 committee.

10 F. The committee shall meet at the state capitol or at other places
11 as the cochairpersons deem necessary or convenient, and all meetings shall
12 be open to the public.

13 G. Members of the study committee are not eligible to receive
14 compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to
15 title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

16 H. On or before December 31, 2022, the study committee shall submit
17 a report regarding its findings and recommendations to the governor, the
18 president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives
19 and provide a copy of its report to the secretary of state. The report
20 shall include the committee's recommendations regarding the identification
21 of issues where the stakeholders have common ground and potential
22 legislation and community-based strategies to effectively curtail violence
23 and promote public safety.

24 I. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2023.