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Introduced by
Representative Gress

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL AUDIT OF THE AMOUNT OF MONIES SPENT ON PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; APPROPRIATING MONIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Performance audit; report; delayed repeal

3 A. The auditor general shall conduct a special audit as defined in
4 section 41-1278, Arizona Revised Statutes, of the amount of monies spent
5 on programs and services for individuals experiencing homelessness in this
6 state, including all of the following:

7 1. Expenditures by this state.

8 2. Expenditures by municipalities and counties with homeless
9 populations higher than the per capita average of this state.

10 3. Expenditures of federal monies allocated to this state for
11 homeless programs.

12 4. Expenditures by state and local law enforcement agencies to
13 address homelessness, including transportation to emergency shelters,
14 responding to crisis calls, providing overnight shelter in jail and
15 enforcing camping bans.

16 B. All state and local governmental entities of this state shall
17 cooperate with the special audit and grant access, at no cost, to all
18 financial records and any other information necessary to complete the
19 special audit.

20 C. The special audit shall examine all of the following:

21 1. The awarding of any contracts and grants relating to homeless
22 services and support.

23 2. Any metrics used to examine the success of any expenditures.

24 3. The efficiency of the use of data management systems in relation
25 to the programs.

26 4. The expenditure for each individual experiencing homelessness
27 for each service provided.

28 D. On or before December 31, 2027, the auditor general shall submit
29 copies of the special audit report to the governor, the president of the
30 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and provide a copy
31 of this report to the secretary of state.

32 E. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2028.

33 Sec. 2. Appropriation; auditor general; exemption

34 A. The sum of \$1,250,000 is appropriated from the housing trust
35 fund established by section 41-3955, Arizona Revised Statutes, in fiscal
36 year 2026-2027 to the auditor general for the purposes provided in this
37 act.

38 B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt
39 from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating
40 to lapsing of appropriations.