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emergency medicine; study committee

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HOUSE BILL 2183

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE EMERGENCY MEDICINE STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Emergency medicine study committee; membership;
3 duties; reports; delayed repeal

4 A. The emergency medicine study committee is established consisting
5 of the following members:

6 1. Three members of the house of representatives, not more than two
7 of whom are members of the same political party and who are appointed by
8 the speaker of the house of representatives. The speaker of the house of
9 representatives shall designate one of these members to serve as
10 chairperson of the study committee.

11 2. Three members of the senate, not more than two of whom are
12 members of the same political party and who are appointed by the president
13 of the senate.

14 3. The director of the department of health services or the
15 director's designee.

16 4. Two individuals who operate an emergency department, one in a
17 county with a population of less than five hundred thousand persons and
18 one in a county with a population of five hundred thousand or more
19 persons, who are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

20 5. Three physicians who are licensed in this state pursuant to
21 title 32, chapter 13 or 17, Arizona Revised Statutes, and who are
22 appointed by the president of the senate as follows:

23 (a) One who practices emergency medicine in a county with a
24 population of less than five hundred thousand persons.

25 (b) One who practices emergency medicine in a county of five
26 hundred thousand or more persons.

27 (c) One who serves as a medical director for an emergency medical
28 services agency.

29 6. One registered nurse or nurse practitioner who is licensed in
30 this state pursuant to title 32, chapter 15, Arizona Revised Statutes, who
31 works in emergency medicine and who is appointed by the speaker of the
32 house of representatives.

33 7. One person who provides emergency medical services before a
34 patient arrives at a hospital in a county with a population of less than
35 five hundred thousand persons and who is appointed by the speaker of the
36 house of representatives.

37 8. One person who provides emergency medical services before a
38 patient arrives at a hospital in a county with a population of five
39 hundred thousand or more persons and who is appointed by the president of
40 the senate.

41 B. The study committee shall do all of the following:

42 1. Review the delivery of the emergency medical services system in
43 this state and obstacles facing the delivery and sustainability of the
44 emergency medical services system in this state.

1 2. Analyze the emergency medicine capacity in this state, including
2 factors impacting emergency medical service delivery and adequacy in rural
3 and urban areas of this state.

4 3. Review the impact of uncompensated care on the financial
5 viability of the practice of emergency medicine in this state.

6 4. Identify factors that impact the stability of entities that
7 deliver emergency medicine in this state.

8 5. Solicit input from patients, health care providers and
9 stakeholders to gather information regarding service delivery and
10 financial viability of emergency medicine in this state.

11 C. The study committee may hold hearings, conduct fact-finding
12 tours, request data from the department of health services and take
13 testimony from witnesses who may assist the study committee in fulfilling
14 its responsibilities. All hearings of the study committee shall be open
15 to the public.

16 D. The legislature and the department of health services shall
17 provide staff and support services to the study committee.

18 E. Study committee members are not eligible to receive compensation
19 but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to title 38,
20 chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

21 F. On or before December 31, 2026 and each year after, the study
22 committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
23 governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
24 representatives and provide a copy of this report to the secretary of
25 state.

26 G. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2029.