

REFERENCE TITLE: sexual assault study committee

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# SB 1218

Introduced by  
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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE SEXUAL ASSAULT STUDY COMMITTEE.

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

2 Section 1. Sexual assault study committee; membership;  
3 duties; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The sexual assault study committee is established consisting of:

5 1. Two members of the senate who are members of different political  
6 parties and who are appointed by the president of the senate.

7 2. Two members of the house of representatives who are members of  
8 different political parties and who are appointed by the speaker of the  
9 house of representatives.

10 3. The following members who are appointed by the president of the  
11 senate:

12 (a) A member who is a sexual assault survivor and who is a resident  
13 of this state.

14 (b) A member who is employed by a victims' rights office.

15 (c) A member who is employed by a nonprofit organization that works  
16 to provide services to victims of sexual violence and who has experience  
17 providing education and resources to victims of sexual violence.

18 (d) A member who has experience providing education and resources  
19 to survivors of sexual assault who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
20 transgender or queer.

21 (e) A member who is employed by a culturally specific Native  
22 American organization that provides services to Native American victims of  
23 sexual violence and who has experience providing education and resources  
24 to victims of sexual violence.

25 (f) A sheriff's deputy who is from a county with a population of  
26 more than one million persons.

27 (g) A member who represents a coalition in this state that seeks to  
28 end sexual and domestic violence and who has expertise in sexual assault  
29 responses.

30 4. The following members who are appointed by the speaker of the  
31 house of representatives:

32 (a) A peace officer who is employed by a city or town with a  
33 population of more than five hundred thousand persons.

34 (b) A peace officer who is employed by a tribal police department.

35 (c) A certified sexual assault forensic nurse examiner.

36 (d) A prosecutor who has experience prosecuting sexual assault  
37 crimes.

38 B. The legislature shall provide staff and support services to the  
39 study committee. Members of the study committee are not eligible to  
40 receive compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses  
41 pursuant to title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

42 C. The study committee shall:

43 1. Study state and federal laws that relate to sexual assault,  
44 including investigating, charging processes and sentencing sexual  
45 assault-related crimes.

1           2. Study current policies and practices of local, state and tribal  
2 law enforcement agencies and county attorneys that relate to investigating  
3 and prosecuting sexual assault-related crimes, including whether the  
4 entity has adequate financial and staffing resources for investigating and  
5 prosecuting sexual assault crimes and data related to sexual assault  
6 clearance rates, prosecution referrals and dispositions.

7           3. Analyze the current training that is provided to professionals  
8 who respond to sexual assault-related offenses, including any training  
9 provided by the Arizona peace officer standards and training board.

10          D. On or before December 1, 2023, the study committee shall submit  
11 a report regarding the committee's activities and recommendations to the  
12 governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of  
13 representatives, the chairpersons of the health and judiciary committees  
14 of the house of representatives and senate, or their successor committees,  
15 and shall provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state.

16          E. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2024.