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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE TRIBAL AND RURAL PUBLIC PROGRAM ACCESS STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Tribal and rural public program access study
3 committee; members; duties; report; delayed
4 repeal

5 A. The tribal and rural public program access study committee is
6 established consisting of the following seven members, all of whom must
7 reside in a county with a population of less than two hundred thousand
8 persons and four of whom must be members of different Indian tribes:

9 1. One member of the house of representatives who is appointed by
10 the speaker of the house of representatives.

11 2. One member who is the chairperson of the indigenous peoples
12 caucus and who is appointed by the president of the senate.

13 3. One member who is a member of an Indian tribe and who is
14 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

15 4. One member who is a member of an Indian tribe and who is
16 appointed by the president of the senate.

17 5. One member who is currently a county supervisor and who is
18 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

19 6. Two members who are currently county supervisors and who are
20 appointed by the president of the senate.

21 B. The committee shall address issues relating to tribal and rural
22 resident access to public programs, including:

23 1. Reviewing the location of state resources, such as department of
24 economic security offices and personnel to determine unemployment
25 compensation and public program eligibility, in tribal and rural
26 communities.

27 2. Examining barriers to applying for and maintaining eligibility
28 for unemployment compensation and public programs in tribal and rural
29 communities.

30 3. Evaluating the geographic accessibility of state resources and
31 programs in tribal and rural communities.

32 4. Reviewing alternatives to online applications for public
33 programs for residents of tribal and rural communities who do not have
34 broadband services or electricity.

35 C. On or before December 31, 2023, the committee shall submit a
36 report regarding the committee's findings and recommendations to the
37 speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate
38 and shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state.

39 D. This section is repealed from and after September 30, 2024.